The Methodist Woman

Why Do We Seek?

Each year we find our warmth in the golden light
That floods the years from an ancient Judaean street;
Each year thousands of joyful choirs repeat
The song those shining hosts composed that night
To sweep away the shepherds' awful fright
And send them forth to bow at an Infant's feet!

Why do we yearn to hear the angelic sound?
Why do we seek to visualize the sight?
Is it because all light, all hope stem
From that luminous hour in Bethlehem?

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The Methodist women pictured on page 3 of the November issue are herewith identified by name, office, and conference. The number refers to the woman.

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9. Mrs. W. K. Grimes, secretary of Supply Work, North Alabama Conference.

ASK YOURSELF

1. How short are December days in Alaska?

2. Where were Christmas card scrapbooks hugged with joy?

3. How many nationalities were represented at Miss Maurer's Christmas party?

4. Describe the Louisiana Bayou country.

5. Locate Christmas Tree Lane.

6. Where did the President of a nation assist in the dedication of a hospital?

7. Who get their biggest thrill from leading the flag salutes? Where?

8. What is Christian missions' attempt to meet the economic need in India today?

9. Name the oldest mission field in The Methodist Church.

10. "Speak with burning enthusiasm of the necessity of tithing." Where?

OUR COVER PAGE

We are indebted to Mrs. Mary Dickerson Bangham, of Chillicothe, Ohio, for the poem, and to Gedge Harmon, of Moores Hill, Indiana, for the two sketches.

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A Joyous Christmas to You

AND now it is December with Christmas just around the corner. Will the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations overshadow the holy day observance? Errands are necessary but they should not absorb all our time and attention. Certainly in these days so freighted with fears, tensions, and uncertainties, we need to consider the real meaning of Christmas. Even though our hands are busy, may the meditations of our hearts dwell on the message of the angels: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." That verse becomes richer in meaning when it is studied phrase by phrase.

"Fear not" is an important part of the Christmas message. The meditation for circle programs is on fear. Even though you'll hear the message given in your circle meeting, turn to page 17 and read it now. We learn by repetition. This is a needed emphasis today.

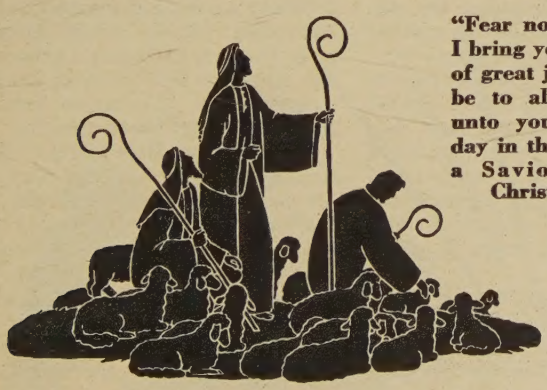
Looking for greeting cards is fun though time-consuming. There are so many different choices, styles, ideas, and sentiments. Yet a predominant number carry the same old greeting, "Merry Christmas." Is "merry" the right word for today? Christmas is not necessarily a merry time. It is a blessed season; a time of remembrance; a time when love and kindness and the pleasure of giving are the guiding impulses of our days. But who is merry, bubbling over, laughingly gay? Children and young people, perhaps. Most of our generation, however, have learned the deeper meaning of joy—"the emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good." "A Joyous Christmas" seems more in keeping with the angel's song.

The Advance program offers us a way by which to continue the spirit of Christmas for "unmeasured time." Our gifts of money, transmuted into buildings and service, enable the missionaries to share the good tidings with people everywhere, bringing them joy and fullness of life.

There is a link between the stories of the way in which Christmas is observed in our projects and the reports of achievements made possible through Advance giving.

At Nome, Alaska

Rev. Mr. Robert Treat, pastor of The Methodist Church at Nome, was in town (New York City) for a few days in September. During his brief visit to "150" he was given an assignment to write about the holiday doings in the far north. Neither he nor Miss Esther McCoy, director of the Lavinia Wallace Young Mission, have been in Nome long enough to have traditional patterns of observance. These two, however, along with Dr. Fred Langsam and the staff of our Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital, will see that the holidays are holy days for those who participate in the programs.



"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord"

Christmas behind the scenes begins a bit early at Lavinia Wallace Young Mission in Nome, Alaska. In fact, it began last summer when the steamships brought mail sacks full of packages from Woman's Societies all over the United States. Pencils, dolls, Bibles, crayons, dresses, Bible story books, and many other things will be marked and wrapped for distribution under the supervision of Miss Esther McCoy, Woman's Division worker at Nome.

Various clubs directed by Miss McCoy will have their Christmas parties, and the bright-eyed, dark-haired Eskimo youngsters will know that they have many Christian friends "outside." Several choirs are rehearsing at The Methodist Church, religious center of our work in Nome, where both white and Eskimo people now meet in a growing fellowship. The long winter nights, broken by a two-and-a-half-hour day in "short-dayed" December, give time for the youth to enjoy folk games, sound-motion films, other recreation, and worship in a program of the Youth Fellowship in which the Woman's Division worker participates.

The Eskimo Sisterhood, a circle of the Nome Woman's Society of Christian Service, will join Methodist women everywhere in singing familiar Christmas carols, except that this circle will sing in the Eskimo language.

At the new recently dedicated Woman's Division Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital, the superintendent, Fred M. Langsam, M.D., will direct his staff in setting up Christmas trees and hanging decorations. The trees have to be flown in by Nome's bush pilots since none grow on the arctic tundra. Tubercular and general patients will be grateful for the remembrances sent to help them through the lonely hours, separated as many are from their families by wide miles of quiet snow-covered tundra.

Africa

Those of us who enjoy seeing the artistry of Jack Frost on our windowpanes (now and then) can hardly imagine a Christmas in Africa! "It was different" according to a new missionary who arrived in Portuguese East Africa shortly before Christmas last year. She describes a Christmas drama

given by the lepers at the Leper Camp near Gikuki.

I shall never forget it. Many of them with fingers missing, toes off—just stubs for feet or hands—yet how enthusiastically and joyfully they acted out the lovely Christmas story on the beautiful outdoor stage!

Several scenes took place at the same time. In the beginning we saw Pharaoh and the others about the palace—directly in front of us, a little in the background—while nearer, and a little to our left, was the place where the people came to pay their taxes, among whom were Mary and Joseph. It was done realistically. And there was still a third scene to our far left—that of the shepherds watching their sheep. They called them in typically native fashion—and someone bleated like sheep. The Wise Men were most eager in their pursuit of the star, which went before them in the form of a lovely white flower on a stick held high by a boy.

I had difficulty in keeping back the tears as I watched them happily marching around the bouquets of flowers they had laid on the ground as they were called up for their Christmas gifts, and as they sang their thanks! How strongly it came to me what Christ can do in one's heart in spite of physical handicaps such as they had—and how appreciative we should be of our many blessings. For example, when have we thought to be thankful for ten good normal fingers and toes!

Allen High School

Elizabeth White, editor in chief of the school paper for Allen High School, Asheville, North Carolina, stated in an editorial that Christmas is the happiest and the most talked-about season of the year.

At Allen we live as one big happy family, yet we cannot be completely happy unless we know that we are doing something for someone who is less fortunate than we. It is our custom to have a White Gift Service. After we have assembled in chapel, sung carols, and prayed, we go quietly to the front and place our gifts on the altar. The gifts are packed and sent to various individuals and groups.

In our family, we have Christmas sisters secured through an exchange of names. It is not so important that we receive expensive gifts—rather it is the spirit of giving that counts. We try to think of Christmas as being a time of prayer, a time of dedication to Jesus who came into the world so that all men might have peace and good will.

At a Bethlehem Center

Christmas means added hard work for staff members with all the sorting and wrapping of packages, the decorating of rooms, and the preparations for parties and programs and distribution of gifts. Weariness often reaches to the marrow of the bones. But it is a happy tiredness, for exaltation of spirit buoys the weary bodies as one takes stock of the results.

Christmas came to Bethlehem Center in Richmond, Virginia, last year with all its charm, good cheer, red candles, ivy, Christmas bells, and multicolored bulbs all aglow on our tree. There were gaily wrapped gifts—trucks, cars, and garages for the boys, and, for the little girls, handmade dolls in pink and blue flannel dresses made by our Deaconess, Ida Bilger. The most important thing was that "Christ came to our Center." Upon opening the door you had to see it first—"a big, bright star." On looking around you found the scene, "On the Road to Bethlehem," and another, "The Nativity."

The children play with dolls every day, but the one we used for the baby Jesus was one they never had seen before. I shall never forget the day they saw the "manger" and the "baby Jesus" asleep on the hay. The time from 9 to 9:45 is usually quite noisy every morning, but on this day they were very quiet. I learned that they did not want to waken the "baby Jesus." At the end of the day they did not want me to put the baby doll in the box where I had kept it, because "he" might smother. I knew then that He was real to them.

Fukuoka Girls' School

From faraway Japan, Elizabeth Clarke sent a glowing description of the observances at Fukuoka Girls' School last Christmas.

Christmas here is not centered in the home, for there are so few Christian homes. Rather the Christian celebration is observed almost entirely in the church or mission school. Long programs begin about two weeks before and continue for many days afterward. The people do a grand job interpreting and portraying the beautiful stories.

A few days before Christmas, the students, teachers, and some of the parents joined together for the Christmas worship. Our choir of fifty girls entered the chapel in a processional. They lighted their candles from two center ones near the cross on the altar; then they filled the back of the stage with white-robed glory. They brought to life the wondrous story of Jesus' birth in song, while their classmates portrayed the songs in pantomime.

I was proud of every one of them. These girls and teachers in this land where Christianity has only begun its growth gave to each of us the full message of Christmas love. What a glorious climax as 1,060 students, parents, and teachers joined in spirit as the chorus sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" *in English.*

The Christmas Spirit! Brotherhood! Sharing together God's love! A tiny thing is a Christmas card—yet when put in beautifully made scrapbooks by our Sunday-school classes, they gave much joy and happiness to many children. At the repatriate orphanage, the boys and girls really hugged the scrapbooks and their faces shone as they turned the pages.

Immigration Detainees

The "Angel of Angel Island" is still carrying on her ministrations of kindly services for immigration detainees, though the Headquarters are no longer on that picturesque island. Miss Katharine R. Maurer, distinguished deaconess, has been at her post in San Francisco for forty years.

The spirit of Christmas found no barrier of red tape at Federal Immigration Headquarters, San Francisco, last December.

At the Appraisers' Building, Miss Maurer held a Christmas party for 170 detainees, representing fourteen nationalities. The detainees were in three groups—women and children, Chinese men and boys, and an international group. Five of the administrative officials were present and brought greetings. One of the Chinese pastors of San Francisco told the story of Christmas to the Chinese applicants. Everyone showed an intense interest and there were beautifully wrapped gifts for all. Joyous memories of the first Christmas in America will abide in the hearts of these friends.

Isabella Thoburn College

Aside from giving, perhaps the best way we have of expressing the joy of Christmas is through music. Miss Marjorie A. Dimmitt links beloved hymns and carols to the yuletide celebrations at Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India.

"There's a Song in the Air." It is but November, yet one of the girls at Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, has called for this hymn at Sunday evening vespers. "Christmas has begun," smiles President Sarah Chakko.

"Silent Night, Holy Night." The quiet strains die away. After a prayer, lights are switched on, candles blown out, and the faculty hostesses say good night to the Lucknow Christian Union, whose Christmas party has brought together some eighty Christian workers of several nationalities.

"O come, all ye faithful," ring out the bass and tenor of the students from

Lucknow Christian College, blending with our sopranos and altos. In filmy white saris, their faces lighted by the candles they carry, our girls lead the procession in Lal Bagh Methodist Church. The lovely Christmas cantata will be repeated later that night at the All-India radio station.

"Love came down at Christmas," we sing as we present our white gifts at the altar of McDowell Chapel. These gifts will be divided between our night school for illiterates and the women and children of several neighborhoods where our students hold Sunday schools.

"Glory to God in the Highest." Our hearts lift with the counterpoint chorus in our annual pageant, "When the Star Shone." The women of Bethlehem seem to regather on the portico of Nichols Hall, as our girls exclaim over the amazing news of the Star in the East.

"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In," "Good King Wenceslas," "The First Noel"—a medley of carols fairly tumbles from the three dormitories having Christmas parties the same night.

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night," earnest Indian children sing in Hindustani. It is the day of "the servants' Christmas tree." Students have taken over the work of cooks and waiters, water carriers and messenger boys, to give our helpers a free half-day. Half a dozen children dressed as shepherds are paying homage to a babe in a cradle. Close by are long tables piled with warm garments for the families of our faithful helpers, who each will receive a small cash gift. On other tables are the makings of a Christmas dinner for each family to take home.

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The all-college Christmas dinner is over, cooked and served by the girls. A carol book is in every hand, for only song can keep us from exploding with excitement over home-going tomorrow. Then follows a rollicking "break-up" evening of class stunts.

"Joy to the World." It is predawn, cold, mysterious; the morning star is dazzling in the black sky. Over the campus trails a long line of carolers, singing with abandon. Before nightfall less than forty of the two hundred and twenty students will be left.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Angels From the Realms of Glory"—the loved songs continue to be sung throughout the intervening days until we gather round the tree on Christmas Eve. It is bright with small gifts for the two or three dozen girls far from home. Santa's fun is followed by supper, and then there are games by the cozy fire until the college bus starts on its tour of midnight caroling.

"Bara din mubarak ko!" (A blessed Christmas to you) all greet each other as we meet for early tea and toast. By nine o'clock we have scattered to sing our joy in various churches, for every Christian goes to church if possible on Christmas Day. A special dinner with a jolly program—and another Christmas leaves our hearts warm with the Christmas feeling.

Point Au Chien

Settings are important; Miss Edna Ruth Hayes has a nice way with words as she describes the Evangeline country.

Are you familiar with the French bayou country of southern Louisiana? If not, for this Christmas setting, visualize a long, winding road, following the turn of the bayou. The water is greenish brown, and holds the reflections of the banana trees and cannas which fringe the banks. Here and there, fishing boats are moored, the nets stretched out to dry. Along the road are the farmhouses, many of them set close against the bayou. In some places there are rude bridges, in others, one must use a pirogue to reach the house from the road. All dwellings are low to withstand hurricanes; and set up on cement blocks as a protection from water in time of flood.

Twenty-two miles from Houma, Louisiana, set back from the oyster-shell-paved road, stands Point Au Chien Methodist Church. Weather-aged, the frame building does not dominate; rather, it blends in with the dwellings because it is "of the people." It came to life in simple prayer meetings and women's meetings in the homes. As hearts were warmed and interest grew, a central meeting place became necessary so the church was born.

Though the pastor of Houma Heights Church and teachers and pupils from MacDonell Methodist Center conduct services on alternate Sundays, some of the program planning comes directly from the people. One of the center's former students, whose home is in the neighborhood, planned a Christmas program and get-together centered about a gaily decorated tree.

On that December Sunday, the church shone clean and bright. This young girl had scrubbed it, put bright candles in the candle holders in the front panels of the antique French piano, and carefully spaced the pews. Upon a table stood the Christmas tree.

The program was well planned with carol singing and recitations. At the close each one received a gift of oranges, nuts, and candy. Of course, there were toys for the children.

This story loses in the telling, for you cannot see the bright eyes of the children as they gazed spellbound at the tree or the happiness in the eyes of the adults as they sang the beautiful French songs they love so well, songs of the Jesus they have come to know in a personal way.

Robincroft Rest Home

Miss Mabel M. Metzger, director of Robincroft Rest Home, Pasadena, California, weaves a little Chamber-of-Commerce lore into her account of these most outstanding days of the year for our retired workers.

During the month preceding Christmas, Uncle Sam's lieutenants are busy delivering packages of assorted sizes and shapes. Greeting cards and letters come in and go out by the thousand. Members of our family have friends in every part of the world; letters come posted with strange and interesting stamps.

The fragrance of greens, soft illumination of candles, and the beauty of the setting awakens all the emotions associated with Christmas. The spacious living rooms are beautifully decorated in keeping with the chosen theme of the year. And always there is a sparkling tree!

Christmas Eve is reserved for the family party. The committee plans something different each year, usually in keep-

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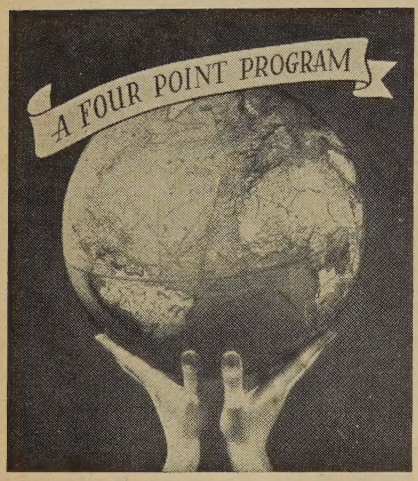
The Advance—

POINT FOUR of the Woman's Society Four Point Program



Do you keep back numbers of THE METHODIST WOMAN? It is mighty handy to have such a file for frequent reference.

Our Four-Point Program and the general over-all needs of the world were set forth in the October, 1948, Advance issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Point Four of the Advance Program was emphasized in various ways throughout 1949, but chiefly through the September and October issues of THE METHODIST WOMAN when Executive Secretaries of the Departments of Work in Home and Foreign Fields reported on what the Advance could and would do for projects in their respective fields.

Then in the February, 1950, issue, Miss Henrietta Gibson, Treasurer of the Woman's Division, listed the projects which would be given priority in the expenditure of Advance funds.

Now in the following eleven pages, the Executive Secretaries give a report of progress, telling what has been done with the money you gave. Follow Miss Day's injunction, and read the accounts with imagination.

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How's Your I. Q.?

By MURIEL DAY

Bureau of Educational Institutions

No, I do not mean your Intelligence Quotient, though that is important in considering missionary needs. I am referring rather to your *Imagination Quotient.* How much imagination do you have with regard to our schools and colleges? When you give to the Advance of the Woman's Division, what do you visualize?

Here is a test of your imagination. Check yourself on the following list and learn your score:

1. Do you see new furniture as the faces of happy children?

2. When you give for chairs in a classroom, do you think of character being developed?

3. Do repairs represent a fourth "R" (Readin', 'Ritin', 'Rithmetic, and *Repairs*)?

4. Does provision for pension mean greater sense of security for a teacher, rather than an added burden to your society?

5. Does the "completion of a new building" mean more adequate training for many young people, rather than laying one brick on another?

6. Is the "enrichment of the curriculum" the expansion of a young person's horizon, rather than another course of study?

7. Does "salary increase" mean to you more effective Christian leadership, rather than a desire for material gain?

8. Do "more day schools" in Puerto Rico mean the eager faces of little children from the poorer areas?

9. When you hear of the clinic in Vieques, do you see the underfed babies being brought to our nurses?

10. When you hear of "increased costs," do you think of opportunities for interracial understanding?

If you answered "yes" to each of the above questions, you have an Imagination Quotient that is *excellent*—way above average. If you checked "yes" for eight or nine, yours is *very good;* even five is *good.* Below that is *fair* or *very poor.* A "no" to every question means that you need to stretch your imagination to see our educational program "far down the future's broadening way," and in terms of children and youth rather than only in terms of money.

We wish that we might also reverse the questions and give you the negative side. Then such a question as the following, while partly facetious would also be pertinent: "Does the need for furniture mean broken ribs as well as broken-down chairs?"

One could pursue this kind of question indefinitely and honestly—illustrating how the lack of adequate support means lives thwarted, building repairs deferred until other breakdowns occur and the expenses increase to large proportions. We have, however, preferred to give you the positive aspect, with each question in the check list representing some actual gain that has been made in our schools and colleges because of the Advance.

Take repairs, for instance. While you have made it possible to give to Sue Bennett College, at London, Kentucky, a goodly sum for repairs,

that amount is just one fourth of what was asked in the Advance for this item in this one college. The president, Miss Oscie Sanders, is able to complete the repairs on only one of the fine buildings on that campus. The administration building will have new windows and sash, new plaster and paint, and some new floors, while the other buildings will have to wait.

A Person—Not a Number

What service does the college render? Sue Bennett College has rendered a distinctive service to the schools and the teachers of that section of Kentucky. Through its teacher-training program with two demonstration rooms on its campus, it is able to reach out and touch the educational life of the state and send out teachers trained under Christian auspices.

Recently one young man, a veteran, came to see the president of the college. She asked if there were any way in which she could help him.

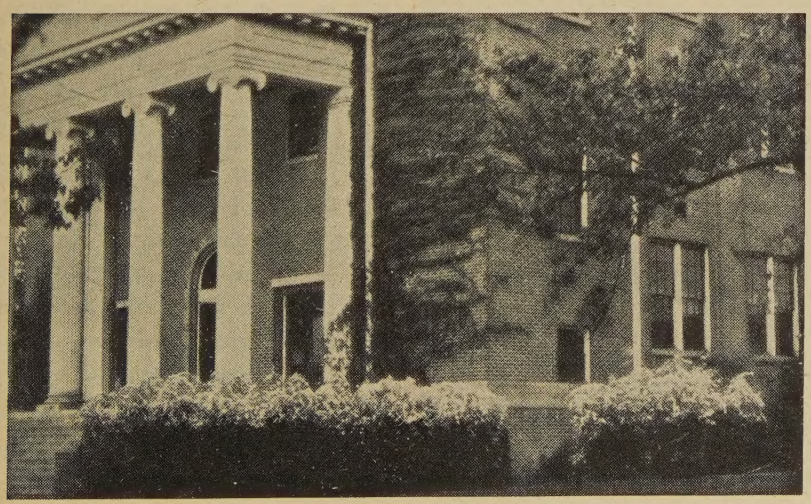
"No," said he, "I just wanted to come back and tell you how much Sue Bennett meant to me. When I was here I did not realize how much it was helping me. But since I left and attended another school, I know that here I was a *person* and not a *number* as in the larger institution."

This junior college is interested in the individual student, and each member of the faculty feels that it is his (or her) responsibility to know personally the members of his classes.

This one college could be used as an illustration of almost all the items that have been included in the Advance — both positively (those items that have already been included) and negatively (those items that are needed but could not be met because of lack of funds). In other words, we have done what has been possible through the Advance in the Bureau of Educational Institutions, but we have not reached those standards of excellence, that quality of physical plant and of support, that is our objective.

To return to Sue Bennett. Through the Advance, it has been possible for the school to participate in a pension plan through the Board of Pensions, for teachers who are neither missionaries nor deaconesses. Though their competence and devotion are unquestioned, these teachers are not eligible for a pension under the plan of the Woman's Division. It is our hope that all employed workers may have this same opportunity in all of our projects. However, salaries at a college like Sue Bennett should also be increased, and must be, if we are to retain our present accreditation.

Belle Bennett Hall is one of the buildings needing repairs at Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky



Curriculum expansion is essential if we are to keep in step with the times. Some schools have introduced commercial courses, for which students have clamored and found most worth while. At Sue Bennett a new course, "Rural Family Living," has been introduced. This is not just one course, but rather a selection of courses that are relevant to the total need. Located in a rural section and serving those who will work in that type of community, Sue Bennett College already has a nucleus for this curriculum, as Miss Christine Snyder has been attached to the staff through the Bureau of Town and Country. Last year also a teacher of agriculture, Mr. Earl Hays, was added to the staff, and he with his wife, who is well trained in home economics, is developing a strong department in these fields.

Completion of New Buildings

Question Number 5 of the check list pertained to the supplementing of the funds already on hand for new buildings. Supplementary amounts must come from the Advance. Already the new boys' dormitory at Browning Home and Mather Academy, Camden, South Carolina, has been erected not only with Crusade funds but with a sizable amount from the Advance. Likewise, Sue Bennett College, looking forward to a new agriculture and home economics building, will need to have the amount already allocated eked out by Advance funds. With this building and new equipment, the college can go forward with the strong course in "Rural Family Living."

We have emphasized one institution, a junior college. We could have given a glimpse of many others, all with the same story: our administrators of these schools and colleges are grateful for the wonderful way in which you have made it possible for them to go forward. They also ask you to see the things left undone, and do not be too disappointed if, when you visit them, you are not wholly pleased. But what we do ask is that you

Use Your Imagination!

Money Transmuted

By MARGARET BILLINGSLEY

Japan, Korea, and the Philippines

Mrs. Donald Tippett talking to Mrs. José L. Valencia at the dedication of the Methodist Student and Social Center, Manila

ADVANCE funds are being put into the lives of people, into buildings, equipment, and supplies in Japan, Korea, and the Philippines as you will see from this report.

Japan

Repairs to Kwassui College, Nagasaki—What a joy it was to see this school in February of this year with its new coat of paint, glass in the windows, a roof that did not leak, freshly painted walls, and floors that were smooth once again. This beautiful building which had been so badly used during the war years and immediately after by American soldiers was once again a delightful place in which to study and teach. As the voices of the girls were heard in the hallways as they went from class to class and as their singing in the chapel echoed throughout the building, I bowed my head in thanksgiving to the women of America: those who are giving today, those who have gone on, but before their going founded this great educational institution for the womanhood of Japan.

Bus for Hiroshima College—Girls attending Hiroshima College have been walking miles each day, many of them after spending two to three hours on the train, leaving home before daylight. Health was undermined, many cases of TB took girls from school. Today the Hiroshima bus carries these girls from the station to the school and makes its regular trips, so that girls may come fresh and ready to get the most from their studies.

Jeep and Garage at Hakodate—Landing in Hakodate on the ferryboat late one evening, the new jeep was waiting to take me across the city to the Christian workers' home. The boy who drives this jeep for the workers in Hakodate immediately came forward, thanking me for this jeep which was making it possible for these folks to do more work throughout the city. He was so thrilled that he carried a book in which he wanted each visitor or passenger to sign, and I had the privilege of being the first person to write in the book. He is not only a chauffeur but also a worker at Hakodate Girls' School, and the garage furnishes a small apartment where he and his family live as well as being a shelter for the jeep.

Missionary Residence, Tokyo—It was hoped that this building would be ready to house the Aoyama teachers by September, but, due to the illness of the contractor and the time it takes to send the plans to America for study and approval and a few other unforeseen delays, the building was not ready, but the foundation has been laid and the walls are rapidly rising. Each letter from the missionaries tells about how happy they will be to get into their new home. In the meantime, the only other residence we now have in Tokyo is housing twice as many missionaries as normally expected for the space available. The new home will not only house four Tokyo missionaries, but will also provide a guest room for the missionaries from other places who come to Tokyo for meetings, medical care, and en route to and from America.

Kindergarten and Social Center, Nagasaki—Plans for this institution, which will replace one which was destroyed during the war, have been approved and the contract let. The program will provide a clinic, a day nursery, kindergarten, recreation, worship, and clubs and classes of all kinds for one of the most needy areas in Nagasaki. After a survey of the city, a location was chosen where it was felt this community center would be most helpful. The homes had been completely destroyed by the bomb, but this area was now covered with shacks and small homes of a very needy group.

Korea

Nurses' Home, Severance Hospital, Seoul — Fortunately these funds have not yet been sent to the field. Blueprints of the proposed plans were in New York being studied. This money will be held until such time as we shall again be back in Korea, when the need will be even greater than before.

Equipment for the Babyfold—Most of this equipment was on a boat en route to Korea and the nurse who was to be in charge of this babyfold landed in Pusan the day fighting began. Instead of disembarking, she returned to Japan where she and the equipmnet are awaiting the time when Korea can be entered.

CORRECTION

October issue, page 10, bottom of first column, "United States" should read "United Nations."

Philippines

Everything in the *Philippines* is advancing. How happy we are to have some fine new missionaries, most of them being transferred from China. Here, the greatest Advance has been shown in the increase of missionaries.

Mary Johnston Hospital, Manila (destroyed during war) was formally opened and dedicated by Bishop Tippett of San Francisco, California, on August 26. A huge throng of 1,500 people crowded into the hospital yard and overflowed into the streets. The mayor of the city, the United States Ambassador, and the President of the Philippines assisted Bishop Valencia of the Philippines and Bishop Tippett in opening and dedicating this hospital. Crusade funds made possible the building, but some Advance funds helped with equipment and preparation and have also made possible an increase in the necessary ongoing appropriations.

Methodist Student and Social Center—Let us rejoice with the missionary who writes, "How your heart would have thrilled had you been here Sunday, August 27, at the service of dedication. Our wildest imagination never came up to the great crowd we had. All of 500 enthusiastic young people swooped down on us. Bishop and Mrs. Donald Tippett and Bishop and Mrs. José L. Valencia, our own bishop, arrived just at the time when the reception for the young people was to begin. The men looked so dignified in their ecclesiastical garb and Mrs. Tippett in her lovely American afternoon dress, while Mrs. Valencia was beautiful in a most attractive Filipino dress. Each young MYF member passed the receiving line and was greeted with an informal bit of conversation. All in all it was a wonderful group, and the happy part of it was the very homelike atmosphere."

Car for a District Worker—Again let me quote from a missionary who wrote on August 28:

"A week ago today I went down to Manila for the new car which had arrived. You can't imagine what a joy it was to be able to pile all the supplies accumulated in the short time I was in Manila into the back of the car, and not have to transfer them until arriving in San Mateo. The weight helped to steady the car on the highway and we moved along smoothly, even though it was the same rough road I had traveled many times before." The district missionary can now get around the provinces carrying supplies to the churches, and do many things which she could not do if she did not have a car.

Philippine Christian College—Advance funds made it possible for this school to continue. A new Protestant college started after the war, it has faced financial difficulties in a struggle to get on its feet. The Advance has made possible an annual contribution as well as a nonrecurring grant which will enable it to continue.

Besides these nonrecurring items, the Advance has made possible some increased budgets for the work; in many cases making it possible to continue work which otherwise would have had to stop, and in a few cases making possible a new project. With increased prices, inflation, and financial difficulties it takes much more money to carry on work. Greater increases are still needed, if we are to continue an effective program of missions.

So although we have made a great Advance, we must make an even greater one.

Saving Health

By MRS ROBERT STEWART

Bureau of Medical Work

El Paso

THE June issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN carried the story of the first result from Advance funds in the Bureau of Medical Work—building improvements at the Rose Gregory Houchen Settlement in El Paso, Texas. Newark Hospital, the companion project in El Paso, is benefiting also through the acquisition of a resuscitating incubator for premature babies. The increasing number of these babies makes this a great need. It will remedy a situation that sometimes occurs when two babies are placed in an incubator.

Nome

During Dr. Fred Langsam's field trips to villages in the outlying districts around Nome, Alaska, he found many patients needing care and treatment for diseases of the eyes. His request for equipment for this purpose could be granted only because of Advance funds. The refractor, projector, reading cards, both literate and illiterate (pictures instead of letters) cost about one thousand dollars. All this will be of great help to the doctor in his work and to the patients in and around the Maynard-MacDougall Memorial Hospital.

Increases in Salaries

We are happy to report that some increases in salary have been made at Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, Florida, and at Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas. We have been able to send another deaconess nurse to assist in teaching at the School of Nursing at Brewster and another worker with girls at Houchen. Other small increases in salary have been made possible but we have a long way to go to meet salaries paid in comparable institutions under other boards of missions. It is easy to say that some of the spirit of service has been lost in young people today, but how is that spirit developed? It must be taught from childhood, and unless it is inspired in a Christian home, we cannot expect too much of the young people. But even Christian workers must eat and meet people whose standards of living are on the same level, but who have much larger incomes to meet the high cost of living today.

You Have Helped

By MABEL GARRETT WAGNER

Bureau of Urban Work

"WAIT, Mama, let's say a blessing before we eat," piped up a youngster who had learned to say grace at kindergarten in one of our community centers. Your giving makes this teaching possible, as our centers serve minority groups such as Negro, Puerto Rican, Mexican, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Cuban, Jewish, and others.

Salary and current expense items have been increased in forty-nine community centers in the Urban Bureau by Advance giving.

Long housed in an old, dilapidated frame building condemned as unsafe by city authorities, Bethlehem Center, Richmond, Virginia, moved into a Quonset hut.

"Miss Bilger, we want a softball team. May we have one?" clamored some twelve-year-old boys. "The Quonset hut is fine—but these children need a playground," sighed the staff.

Nothing daunted, the board went into action to provide a playground. And each of you helped, too, for the sum of $1,500 was allocated for this from Advance gifts. The little children especially enjoy the swings.

For sixty-five years, Marcy Center has been in Chicago. Today refugees and displaced persons have been welcomed along with the now long-established Jewish, Norwegian, and other neighbors. A Jewish woman doctor from Germany, helped by Marcy Center after the war to establish herself professionally, now returns weekly to assist in the clinic. Two nursery-school groups, gymnasium, crafts, two playgrounds, two medical and three dental clinics, music pupils, and camping are just a few of the present-day activities. Near-by Negro neighbors meet weekly in the chapel for church service. A large staff and a heavy program have increased the budget demands. To meet this, you have helped with $3,800 from Advance giving during the past two years.

Tacoma Community House, Tacoma, Washington, serves all races. "Added to our twenty-one nationalities are three families of Mexican Indians. Their biggest thrill is to be permitted to lead the two flag salutes." Dropped by the Community Chest, the house suddenly faced a financial crisis. Advance gifts have helped to meet this emergency.

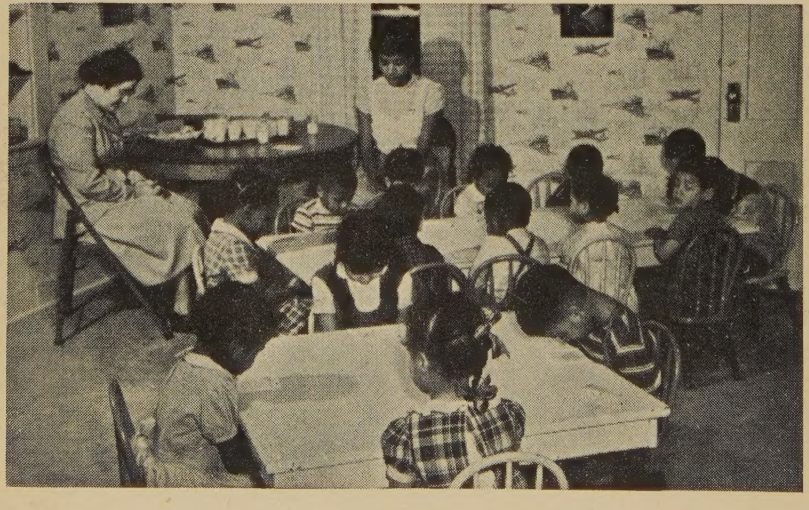
In Fort Worth, Texas, our Bethlehem Center has long since outgrown the tiny frame cottage. You would be proud to see the practical, yet pleasing, furnishings. An attractive new building with a nice library room, ping-pong tables, a tiny worshipful chapel, an assembly room with chairs, and a well-equipped kitchen are only some of the features. The sum of $3,000 from Advance was allocated for new equipment and larger budget. Another deaconess has gone to assist in the ever-expanding program. This is now a leadership-training center for vacation-school teachers and other groups. It is used by the whole city for biracial meetings and has sparked a city-wide committee, studying to meet the community needs.

For a year Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tennessee, struggled along without a director, while other staff members carried extra responsibilities. We desperately needed a qualified head. This center is doubly important for here Scarritt students training for missionary work both at home and abroad receive practical experience under supervision. Finally Frederick D. Rogers, a home missionary, was selected. But the worker's cottage which had not been used for months looked very sad. A sum of $3,000 was set aside to recondition and maintain this little home for the Rogers family, who have made it a sparkling spot of friendly hospitality for all.

In October, Spartanburg, South Carolina, dedicated its new Bethlehem Center. An impressive building with workshop, workers' apartments, kindergarten, game and club rooms—it has a gymnasium, which is also planned for dinners and concerts since it is the only available, adequately large assembly hall for neighborhood meetings. From Advance giving, over ten thousand dollars was set aside for furnishings and increased current expenses, as the center moved into this expanded program from the tiny four-room cottage which had been its home for over twelve years.

In Atlanta, Georgia, Bethlehem Center has been housed in borrowed

Little tots of the Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, always "say a blessing" before their lunch



space in a Gammon Seminary building. Money is on hand for a new building. To furnish and equip it, Advance gifts have been allocated. Already several hundreds have been spent on shop and playground equipment for present use.

Rosa Valdez Settlement, Tampa, Florida, also received money for shop equipment in order that the interests of Cuban men and boys might better be met. A new fence and other improvements have been completed.

Homer Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro, California, is the neighborhood center for Orientals, Yugo-Slavs, Swedes, Negroes, Italians, Poles, and many other racial groups.

Being a part of Los Angeles County, where everything is miles from everywhere else, a staff car is a "must." The old car sputtered, creaked, and finally died. Despair! Again your Advance giving furnished $1,500 toward a new car. They thank you one and all.

Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, Arkansas, continues to have high-point spiritual experiences in serving as a leadership-training center for all groups in that area. A long-needed bath house was built last summer by the lake. But even so, the old buildings from the turkey farm days are still in use. Over $4,000 from Advance funds will help a bit towards adequate camp buildings. But cabins for campers, a year-round outdoor assembly hall are still desperate needs. This summer a long-awaited station wagon was provided from your Advance gifts.

After a fire had totally destroyed one of the main Wesley House buildings in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Advance gifts through the Woman's Division helped.

In many centers where workers had not received an increase in salary, even though living costs had mounted and current expenses of the center had sky-rocketed, Advance funds now have been able to help these pressing needs in a small way. An expansion of program by opening a new kindergarten, putting on a part-time boy's worker, resurfacing a court, repairing a boiler, new playground equipment, or redecorating a building are some results from Advance. Among the many other centers in all parts of the country blessed by your increased giving are: Whosoever Mission, San Antonio, Texas; Neighborhood Center, Utica, New York; Rebecca Williams Community House, Warren, Ohio; Miami Latin Center, Miami, Florida; Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Florida; Bethlehem Centers at Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee, Dallas, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Charlotte, North Carolina; Omaha City Mission, Omaha, Nebraska; Methodist Community House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Lucy Holt Moore, Nashville, Tennessee; Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood Center, East St. Louis, Illinois; Wesley Houses at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Key West, Florida.

Hostels in Malaya

By LOUISE ROBINSON

China and Malaysia

The first hostel in Malaya for Malay girls has been opened in Malacca in connection with the Methodist Girls' School. The erection of this building was well timed. Malay girls are Moslem. Before the war, Moslem families were reluctant to have their daughters attend schools of any kind, but now their social patterns are changing and the number of their daughters attending school is increasing rapidly.

The second hostel for Malay girls, located at Taiping, will be finished during this year. The principal of the Lady Treacher Girls' School, with which the hostel is connected, has written that Malay parents have been deeply touched by the interest of Methodist women in the United States in their daughters. One father, some distance from Taiping, hearing that there would be a home in which his daughter might live, wrote asking that a place be reserved for her for as many years as it would take to complete her education. Since many of the customs of Malay people are different from those of other people, it is difficult for them to share living quarters. Even their food is different.

The third hostel made possible by the Advance program is at Kuala Lumpur, the capital of the Malayan Union. This hostel is part of a rehabilitation program made necessary by destruction caused by war. Miss Mabel Marsh, distinguished missionary of Malaya, in addition to Crusade for Christ funds and Government grants, has been able to raise funds from the patrons of the Methodist Girls' School of which she has long served as principal. As she starts home for retirement, she can look with satisfaction on the completion of a new plant consisting of a building for the lower school as well as for the higher school and a hostel.

For many years there have been hostels in connection with Methodist schools in Malaya—schools for boys and for girls opened and operated by Methodists with grants-in-aid from the Government. In the past the majority of students in the hostels have been Chinese with an increasing number of Tamils from South India. All up and down the Malayan Peninsula and in Singapore there are outstanding Christian men and women, leaders in business, in professions, and in church—men and women who once lived in Methodist hostels. These Christian homes were carefully looked after by missionaries, who gave their time to the religious education and nurture of students.

Building With New Nations

By LUCILE COLONY

India, Pakistan, and Burma

The first call on Advance money allocated to India, Pakistan, and Burma has been to increase appropriations to work budgets. During the war and since, prices have been so high that, except for an emergency grant given by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and relief aid from the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, our institutions and evangelistic work could not have met their expenses. From the Advance, $85,000 have been added to the appropriations for the current year, thus, in some degree, freeing the work from the haunting and depressing defects of inadequate income.

Personnel

Personnel will always be the most important factor in movements of advance. In 1927, our active missionaries in India numbered approximately 160. In 1947, there were ninety-seven actually on the field; some were on furlough. During the two years of this quadrennium, the number has increased to 143 with several due furlough and some facing retirement. Thirty-seven new missionaries have gone to India and Pakistan within the past twelve months. This is the most thrilling thing which has happened in many years. It encourages us to believe the goal of 100 new missionaries for India, Pakistan, and Burma can be realized within this quadrennium. It gives us pause, however, to know that as far as Burma is concerned the youngest missionaries of the Woman's Division went to the field twenty-four years ago. Only four, one on furlough, one soon to retire, and another due furlough, are assigned to Burma. High-school teachers, social workers, music teachers, public-health nurses and doctors are needed. They would find in Burma a life of service and Christian witness more satisfying than words can tell.

Several projects in Pakistan represent real advance in Christian service. In September, 1947, when India and Pakistan were passing through the terrible days of partition, refugee women and children needing hospital treatment were gathered into dormitories on the campus of the Forman Christian College, Lahore, and treated by Christian volunteer relief workers. This was the beginning of the United Christian Hospital. It has had marvelous growth in its three years of existence, and is supported by six mission organizations. In the year 1949-1950, almost 9,000 patients were treated in the dispensary and 2,000 were cared for as inpatients.

Miss Imogene White, an I-3 from Missouri, is assistant business manager of the United Christian Hospital. She represents our cooperation from the standpoint of personnel. Financially, the Woman's Division of Christian Service gives $500 from Advance funds for recurring appropriations, and has given $7,000 as a nonrecurring grant for equipment and supplies.

After partition the Lucie Harrison School, Lahore, was the only Methodist central school for girls in Pakistan. It was imperative to add high-school classes immediately. Advance money made this possible. Seventeen thousand dollars were granted for classrooms and equipment; $2,000 for additional maintenance budget.

The Christians are very poor in Pakistan. Many of them lost their means of livelihood when large estates, on which they had been working as day laborers, were divided by the government and made available to Moslem refugees arriving from India. Technical Services Association, Inc., is Christian missions' attempt to meet the economic need of some of these Christian and non-Christian people. Handicraft materials given out to women work groups, with the market assured for the articles they make, is the most developed service for women. Land reclamation by means of deep wells and oxen-operated pumps is the most far-reaching project of Technical Services Association. These and other activities of the association depend on necessary financial resources from interested mission organizations. For a three-year period, the Woman's Division of

Digging the foundation for the Kathlal Village Center, India

Christian Service is contributing from the Advance $3,000 annually and has given a grant of $5,000 for equipment.

Training leadership for Christian service is the aim of much of our work in all mission lands. A new phase of training has been launched in India by the Y.W.C.A. and cooperating mission bodies. This is the graduate School of Social Work located in Delhi. Knowing of the extreme need for welfare workers in India, the Woman's Division rejoices in being able to give $1,000 on appropriations and a $10,000 building grant from the Advance.

Everyone is concerned that in village-India living conditions are deplorable. The prevailing problems of hunger, poverty, disease, and fear press heavily upon rural people. The village centers to demonstrate better types of houses, improved methods of farming, profitable use of leisure time in handicrafts as a means to larger income, ways of helpful living, schools to bring education to young and old, and dispensaries for the sick—all these permeated with the love of Christ and a witnessing to His gospel have been accepted as the ideal program for rural evangelism. In several places new centers are being developed.

The following are made possible from money given for Advance: Kathlal in Gujarat Conference; Chandrapur among the aboriginal Santals in Bengal Conference; Udgir for newly baptized Christians in a growing Christian community, Bombay Conference; Nihati, on the outskirts of Calcutta; Simri, amid a group of Christian villages in the Lucknow Conference; and Batala, East Punjab, Delhi Conference. The rural church is the rapidly growing church in India and needs the uplift in community and home which comes through the service of Christian village centers.

A residence for women members of the Clara Swain Hospital staff and homes for village teachers in the South India Conference complete the list of Advance projects to date which have been built. Other projects, including an administration and classroom building at the Training Institute for Women, are soon to be built.

The church of India has waited many years for this day of Advance. It has come at a time when new nations are being built, a time we believe of God's own choosing. Without the sacrifice and giving of the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service this Advance would not have been possible. To them India, Pakistan, and Burma owe a debt of deepest gratitude.

THE Advance is helping to make possible many fine improvements all along the line in the work of the Bureau of Social Welfare. The little ones, in our homes for children, are receiving more adequate care. Standards are being lifted as Advance giving makes it possible to procure needed equipment and better-trained personnel.

Retired deaconesses and missionaries who have spent so many years in telling the good news of Christ to the nations are finding rest homes more comfortable because of the Advance giving of their many friends. Gratitude is expressed by the retired workers living at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey; Thoburn Terrace, Alhambra, California; and Robincroft Rest Home, Pasadena, California. A new addition to Robincroft will soon make it possible for more retired workers to have a home.

Young women going into strange cities for employment are finding our boarding homes a real haven. From our Esther Hall in San Diego, California, you may get a glimpse

More Than We Are

By EMMA BURRIS

Bureau of Social Welfare

of the girls in their home through the eyes of their director. She writes:

"A short time ago a book came off the press with the thought-provoking title, *More Than We Are.* It is the privilege of girls, especially the young women who are expecting much from life, to feel a restless ambition and to seek after greater things—sure life has something very special for them. We have seen this desire to be *more than we are* develop among the girls of our Esther Hall this past year.

"Two girls went to night school to study theology. A Catholic girl was sent by the college Y.W.C.A. to a national conference. She came back so thrilled and challenged she offered to speak at our vespers, giving outstanding messages. One of the girls was sent to United Nations at Lake Success for a week, and is now preaching world-mindedness to the rest of the family. This same girl came to our home a year ago a skeptical pagan, difficult to get along with. Through the influence of other girls she has joined a church and is a radiant and happy girl.

"The *more than we are* is sought through security of home life, compatable friends, observing our little traditions and cultivating nice living, including candles and Sunday after-dinner coffee. One of the girls expressed herself in the words, 'It is so elegant to drink coffee out of those tiny cups.'

"So we reach toward the development of each girl at Esther Hall, that she may say as she leaves, 'I became more than I was.' "

Other girls' residences receiving help are Esther Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio; Friendship Home, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Killingsworth Home, Columbia, South Carolina.

Emphasis on Literacy

By SALLIE LOU MacKINNON

Africa and Europe

MIDSTREAM in the Methodist Advance for this quadrennium, it is encouraging to remember that the Mission Advance is a cooperative movement which found its first expression in the Foreign Missions Conference of North America at its meeting in Buck Hill Falls in 1947.

Literature

One of the major united efforts of Protestant missions is that of increasing literacy, and of producing Christian literature throughout the world. This emphasis is most timely for Africa. Sponsored by the Committee on World Literary and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference, Dr. Frank C. Laubach and his corps of workers have conducted literacy campaigns in every field in which The Methodist Church is at work south of the Sahara, and early in 1951 will conduct a literacy campaign in North Africa. Because of increased funds, the Woman's Division of Christian Service has been able to aid largely in the interdenominational literacy campaigns, in the follow-up work, in the production of literature, and in improving facilities of the mission printing presses and bookstores. Outstanding is the Union Publishing House in Leopoldville, in which seventeen missions cooperate to produce Christian literature for all the Belgian Congo. The increased demands for Christian literature made increased capital a necessity; through the Advance, we were able to add $4,000 to our contribution.

It is our hope to have in every conference a person giving full time to producing and distributing literature and to training Africans for this work, but only in Southern Rhodesia have we reached this goal. So rapidly has the work developed that it became necessary to have a workshop and a storeroom for the missionary and her helpers. A building is almost completed in Old Umtali, near the printing press of the conference.

In 1951, as an expression of interest created by the study of *Near East Panorama,* Methodist women expect to invest $5,000 in North Africa to aid the Laubach Campaign and in creating and producing more and better Christian literature for Moslem people.

New Missionaries and Their Homes

Africa is asking for one hundred new missionaries. As yet only a few new missionaries have gone. We are confidently expecting more in 1951 as we seek for twenty-five young women as Africa-3's.

In several stations there must be new homes for missionaries. Today in Old Umtali a new home is being erected to care for the new missionaries who have already arrived and for those enthusiastically expected. A home for missionary nurses in Gikuki, Portuguese East Africa, is nearing completion. Money has been allocated for a missionary home for Kapanga, Southern Congo, and two new nurses from Denmark are eagerly waiting for it while they live in a temporary building. Quessua, Angola, has its first new missionary nurse in twenty-seven years, and the nurses' home is nearing completion.

Not only are new residences being built for the missionaries, but also for African nurses in Nyadiri, Southern Rhodesia, and in Gikuki, Portuguese East Africa, in connection with the hospitals and the nurse-training centers.

Water and Lights

It is difficult for persons living in America to realize that there are public utilities for lights and water in only five of the stations in the seven countries in Africa in which the Woman's Division of Christian Service has work. Through the Advance, money is being appropriated to provide water and lights for the main stations. It is our confident hope that before the quadrennium ends our missionaries will be able to place their lamps and candles and water buckets and poles—used for bringing water from springs and rivers—in the closets for emergency use only.

Educational Facilities

Africans are avid for education as they find themselves a part of the confusing world of today. We conduct schools in all of the countries in which we are working, but the facilities and personnel are inadequate for the number and type of students who are begging for admission. It has been necessary to turn away literally hundreds of African boys and girls. Educational facilities are being enlarged and improved.

Among the Advance projects for educational work for which money has already been allocated are:

Southern Rhodesia: A new school building in Mutambara; new dormitories and remodeled domestic science classrooms and new equipment in Nyadiri; one-half share in new buildings for teacher training and for secondary school in Old Umtali.

Portuguese East Africa: In Gikuki needed improvements and enlargements are being made in Hartzell Girls' School and in the Nurse Training School.

Central Congo: The homes for girls in Lodja, Minga, Tunda, and Wembo Nyama have new improvements, and in Tunda a beautiful craftsroom for industrial work for the girls is being erected. The government of the Belgian Congo recently decided to grant to Protestant schools the recognition and privileges which Catholic schools have enjoyed for years. It was necessary for the missions to make improvements in the schools in order to meet the requirements for government recognition. Twenty thousand dollars was sent to the

Central Congo as a revolving fund to make possible the absolutely necessary improvements.

Angola: In Quessua, "Escola Henda" (School of Love), two model home dormitories for girls and new equipment for the girls' school have pleased the missionaries, the girls, and their parents.

Algeria: At Il Maten, in the Kabyle Mountains, plans have been made and money sent for a new school building as a part of the rural center.

Medical

Advance has been made possible for the medical work which the Woman's Division of Christian Service conducts in cooperation with the Division of Foreign Missions in most of the stations and many of the out-stations in Africa. The allocation of $8,000 for the hospital in Nyadiri and for the hospital at Minga, and additions in Quessua and in Gikuki marks the beginning of the strengthening of our medical work throughout Africa. Cars and other mobile equipment for medical work have been made possible.

Social Work

Advance has been made in social work and greater advances are anticipated. Mention has been made of the increased school facilities in the rural center at Il Maten, North Africa. Other improvements there are in the missionary residences, the dispensaries, and the extension work throughout the mountain district.

Thousands of Africans are moving from the rural areas into the cities. The Woman's Division of Christian Service has a small hostel in Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, for girls who pass through the city, and for girls who are living there. The hostel is wholly inadequate for the increased needs, and Advance money is being sent to enlarge it.

Luanda is the capital and the big port city of Angola. Thousands of Africans are moving from the country, meeting untold temptations and opportunities. The Woman's Division is able to join with the Division of Foreign Missions in building a great Christian Social Center there to help the Africans adjust to urban life.

Arab girls learning to sew at the Hannah Goodall Center in Constantine, Algeria

During the war the Hannah Goodall Center, in the midst of the Arab city of Constantine, was closed for lack of missionaries. Now it is reopened. Through the Advance, money was secured for necessary repairs and improvements in the building, plus a work budget for the two missionaries and an Algerian nurse who serve the women and children in this crowded center.

For seven years the Woman's Division has been hoping to begin work for women and girls in Monrovia, the capital and port city of Liberia, the oldest mission field of The Methodist Church. Money was set aside from the Week of Prayer of 1945 for the building of a hostel, but missionaries were not found and the hostel has not been built. In September, three missionaries sailed for Liberia. The money allocated six years ago is not adequate; more money is expected through the Advance for this pioneer social work in our oldest field. One conference has undertaken, through increased giving for Advance, to raise the money to build the home for the missionaries.

A missionary statesman who has traveled recently through Africa writes that the next twenty years will decide the fate of Africa. Members of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service may be humbly grateful that through their prayers and their gifts, the women of Methodism may have a tremendous part in making Christ known and in determining the fate of this second largest continent in all the world.

KOREA NEWS—As of October 23, 1950

Persons—No news concerning the forty pastors (eighteen Methodist) taken around the first of September and Yea Soon Chai Kim, graduate of Scarritt College, Seoul Y.W.C.A. secretary. Bishop Kim, Dr. Y. S. Ryang, and Hunter Lee, Crusade Scholar in 1948, believed to have been massacred.

Buildings—Chosen Christian University buildings—partially destroyed; Severance Hospital—two-thirds destroyed; Taiwha Community Center—building intact, equipment gone.

EWHA COLLEGE: Dormitory—slightly damaged outside, simply filthy inside; Pfeiffer Hall—two top floors gone; Appenzeller Hall (new science hall)—intact. Other buildings—not too badly damaged. Everything inside taken except some musical instruments and a considerable number of books in the library. Chairs and desks remained.

Seoul as a whole—badly hit and burned out in areas. There is no light, no water, no transportation, no communication, no clothes, no food, no houses, no money. It is a hundred times worse than in 1945.

Missionaries Return—Dr. Fred Manget is back in Seoul opening Severance Hospital. Nurses Mollie Townsend, Ruth Martin, and Maude Nelson, who have been in Japan since evacuation, have returned to Seoul.

—MARGARET BILLINGSLEY, *Executive Secretary, Japan, Korea and the Philippines*

These Things We Have Done

By MARJORIE MINKLER

Bureau of Town and Country

ADVANCE giving has made it possible to provide salaries for new rural church and community workers in Alabama, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and Missouri. In all but one of these projects, the recruit has been found and is already at work. Many more such young women are needed.

In the Cookson Hills of Oklahoma a nurse has been secured. She is assisting the overworked Indian public-health nurse who could not possibly reach all of the people of the Cookson Hills with her program of health education and prevention of disease. A clinic is being set up and a health program is getting under way in that needy area.

We also have an additional worker in the Indian Mission of Oklahoma. She is working with Miss Virginia Louke in the Western District.

Provision has been made for a librarian and community worker at the Mississippi Rural Center.

The boys' dormitory at MacDonell Methodist Center has been repaired, fire escapes added, furnishings purchased, and a heating system is being installed. This building has long needed repairs and has never had provision for heat in the boys' rooms.

Repairs and some remodeling of the workers' cottage have been made possible at Neighborhood House, Calexico, California.

A station wagon, worn out by many miles of traveling over rough roads or no roads at all in the Yuma Indian Reservation in Arizona, has been replaced by a new one.

A cottage for the workers is being constructed at the Mobile County Rural Center, and the old cottage which has seen many years of wear will be converted into a hot lunchroom for the school.

All of these things have been done entirely or in part by the use of Advance funds given by Methodist women, yet much has been left undone. We have accomplished a great deal, but the unmet needs loom high before us. We must continue to Advance.

Three Needs Met

By ELIZABETH M. LEE

Latin America

AMONG the Advance Program funds allocated to Latin America in December, 1949, the three largest amounts were given to Crandon Institute, Montevideo; Bennett College in Rio de Janeiro; and the Methodist Institute then located in Ribeirao Preto. In each case the money has met pressing needs.

Because of local circumstances, The Methodist Church in Brazil recommended that the *Methodist Institute,* training school for Christian workers, be moved from the inland city of Ribeirao Preto to the great metropolis of São Paulo. Advance funds had just been allocated at the annual meeting when a cablegram to the Board announced that the committee had found a property in the suburb of Amaro, São Paulo, which would be an almost perfect setting for the school. It is a well-built, large residence on a property which gives room for expansion of buildings and already has some recreational facilities such as a tennis court. The 1,400,000 cruzeiros sent from the Advance was sufficient to purchase the property (1,000,000 crs.) and build an annex providing further space for classrooms. School started in the new location in March, 1950. Sarah Bennett, principal, writes, "Never a day goes by that I do not thank the Heavenly Father for this place."

For years *Bennett College* in Rio de Janeiro has needed a new primary building, so all Advance funds for this institution will be used for this purpose. Plans for the building have been approved by the Foreign Department and at this writing are in the hands of the municipality of Rio de Janeiro, from which a building permit will shortly be secured. Materials are now being purchased with money already sent to the field, and construction will probably have begun by the time these words are being read. Since the old primary building has been the only "eyesore" on the lovely Bennett campus, by removing it and substituting an adequate modern school for little children who, many of them, will some day become Bennett College girls, the Woman's Division is making another valuable addition to this famous institution.

In 1948, *Crandon Institute,* Montevideo, Uruguay, using funds given by the Woman's Division and a generous gift from the Division of Foreign Missions, plus a considerable amount raised by friends in Uruguay, partly constructed Reid Hall. For lack of funds to cover sudden increased cost of construction, the third floor had to be closed off, an unfinished shell. Still requests were coming in from the interior of Uruguay, from across the river in Argentina and other places for accommodation for boarding students. Crandon had to say, "We have no more room." Some of these requests came from places where there was no chance for secondary education for girls. One family begged Crandon to take

a six-year-old girl because she was an only child and away from all school opportunities.

In 1949, Crandon, celebrating its seventieth anniversary, focused on one goal—to finish that third floor. The students raised as a birthday gift, 14,000 pesos toward this end. Other gifts came slowly. Crandon was discouraged. Must it continue to say, "We have no room?" Then from the Advance Fund of the Woman's Division came $30,000. With good exchange, that added 90,000 pesos to the building fund. Crandon sang the Doxology for now the third floor could be finished. Fifty more boarding students could be accommodated by March, 1951. That notice went out in print to mothers and fathers all over that part of South America who had been awaiting the good word. More girls can now come from rural Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, southern Brazil, and perhaps Bolivia. They will live happily together in their new dormitory rooms, studying, having morning watch together, attending Sunday school and church, working on social welfare projects for the needy, growing in Christian womanhood. The Advance Program has given to Crandon with its 900 girls a still more abundant life.

A MEDITATION

I join hands today with all the sadness in the world. I feel the bond as never before; heretofore I did not think of being kin or of having anything in common with its grief.

But since grief has come to me in the loss of my own beloved, I now can say, "I sympathize—I know just how you feel—I am your sister in sorrow's cloak that wraps us here together—This deep and lonely ache is just like yours."

Since I am part and parcel of all the rest who mourn today my heart reaches out to yours, dear sad ones of the world; I am become a greater person—a part of the great compassionate heart of God himself, whose own heart was bruised by the death of his only Son.

And so we are kin to him, and to each other, and he feels for us while we mourn together.

—Margaret Rose Akin

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR CIRCLES

"With Healing in His Wings"

"Be Not Afraid, Only Believe"

Prepared by Mrs. Eva B. Parks, Secretary of Spiritual Life, Central Jurisdiction

Prelude—

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" [1]

Call to Worship—

Out of Nazareth came a Prophet,
A soul on fire with primeval force,
A Master of cosmic mysteries,
A Kingly Man who made His throne a cross.

—Vincent G. Burns

Hymn—"Be Still, My Soul"—No. 73.

Scripture—Mark 5:25-36.

Meditation—The Healing Touch

"Fear is the most disintegrating of all the enemies of personality. Worry, anxiety, inferiority complexes, and greed, all are varieties of this one great evil. Our minds become confused and frantic when fear masters us. It makes us afraid to stand up for what we believe to be right, afraid to dedicate our lives to the purpose which challenges our best.

"In disease, it is one of the most destructive factors." [2]

Fear is a temporary state of mind. Often sickness is the direct result of our own carelessness or wrong mental attitude. God wills good health. He constantly seeks to maintain our health and help us to recover it when we have become ill.

A goodly portion of His ministry was spent in healing body, mind, and spirit.

"And he touched her hand and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto them." (Matthew 8:15.) With the wondrous skill of the great Physician, the tender touch of the Son of Man, He touched her and she was made well.

One cannot rise to his full powers until he has been touched by the Master. "Whatever the fever, His touch can heal; whatever the tempest, His voice can still. There is joy only as we seek His pleasure; there is rest only as we seek His will." [3]

The conquest of fear involves both mental and spiritual attitudes. E. Stanley Jones says, "Let go; let God." Let go your inward fears and worries, and let God through His healing touch absorb them in His grace and love. Let God replace the false energy of fear and worry with the true energy of faith working through love.

Hymn—"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"—No. 342.

Poem—Thy Miracles in Galilee

When all the world went after Thee
To bless their sick, to touch their blind,
O gracious Healer of Mankind—
. . . Did I not stand
Perplexed and mute and deaf until
I heard Thy gentle, "Peace, be still,"
And all the turmoil of my heart
Was silenced and I found my part?

—Molly Anderson Haley

Prayer—"We Thank thee, Lord, that thou hast yielded into our hands the keys of health and sickness, of life and death. Give us wisdom to search out, revere, and obey thy laws of life. . . . So may we find the universe thy Temple of Health to them that rest upon thee. Amen." [4]

Articles — "A Far-Reaching Light," The Methodist Woman, November, 1950, p. 4; also, picture sections, "Medical Mission in China" and "Women in the Near East," World Outlook, September, 1950, pp. 13-23.

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[1] All hymns found in *The Methodist Hymnal.*
[2] From *The Psychology of Christian Personality,* by Ernest Ligon.
[3] Author unknown. From *Christ and the Fine Arts,* by Cynthia Pearl Maus. Permission asked.
[4] From *Prayer That Prevails,* by Marshall Dawson. Used by permission of The Macmillan Company.

Here and There

Recent Arrivals From—

China: Misses Ruth M. Danner, care of Mrs. G. H. Drexler, 801 E. Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois; Lucy Jim Webb, Jackson, Georgia.

Korea: Mrs. Anna B. Chaffin, care of Mrs. C. W. Gamble, Monticello, Indiana; Misses Clara Howard, Kathleen, Georgia; Jeannette Hulbert, 1912 Parkway Drive, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio; Esther Laird, care of Mrs. Lorimer Charles, Rural Route 2, Camden, Ohio; Sadie Maude Moore, Westgate Drive, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Elizabeth Roberts, 1911 Waveland Avenue, Chicago 13, Illinois; Lola Eveans, Mackinaw, Illinois; Margaret Martin, 1007 East Marion Street, Seattle 22, Washington; Alice Cheney, 3532 Second Avenue, South, Minneapolis 8, Minnesota; Myrtle Z. Pider, 1253 South 21 Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Philippines: Miss Hazel Davis, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Brazil: Misses Mary Elizabeth Bowden, Frances Bowden, Garrett Biblical Institute Evanston, Illinois.

Recent Sailings For—

Japan: Misses Marjorie Barnes, Masako Endow, Mary Bedell, Marlene Archer, Gay Hendrixson, Margaret Miller, Dorothy Seest, Lily Sowa, Mary Jo Summers.

Philippines: Misses Ortha Lane, Fannie Dewar.

In Memoriam

Miss Florence Blackwell, deaconess emeritus under the former Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was consecrated in 1906 following graduation from Scarritt Bible and Training School then located in Kansas City, Missouri. She spent nine of her thirty-five years of service in Winston Salem, North Carolina, and seven in Institutional Church, Kansas City. Miss Blackwell was retired while serving the Mexican Community Center, El Paso, Texas. She made her home with her sister, Miss Clara Blackwell of Kansas City, before her death on August 18, 1950.

Miss Sue Tarelton Ford, a missionary under the former Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died August 26, 1950, at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey. She was eighty-six years of age. Miss Ford served for twenty-three years in Cuba, Mexico, and Key West, Florida. Services were held at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home. The interment was at Paris, Kentucky.

Miss Serena Johnson, a deaconess of The Methodist Church for twenty-two years and a missionary under the Board of Foreign Missions from 1920-1931, died in Seattle, Washington, September 5, 1950. Miss Johnson served as Travelers' Aid Worker in Milwaukee, 1913-1918, and as superintendent of the Tourtellotte Deaconess Home, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1931-1949. Upon retirement, she made her home in Seattle.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK

Once again we have had a demonstration of the invaluable help given by the "over-and-above" fund we call Cash for Supply Work. On our recent visit to the Day Nursery at Houchen Settlement, we felt a real concern because those forty to sixty nursery children cared for every day were given small *glasses* of milk at lunch hour. We had visions of what might happen if one fell with a glass in his hand, but it was just not possible to replace them with plastic ware within our budget. Also, it was necessary to find an unbreakable ware that could be sterilized and most of that type dish can take a limited amount of heat. As if in answer to our concern, a salesman called with samples of ware that can withstand 200 degrees of heat, but our bank account could not meet the price. On return to the New York office, we found there was sufficient designated Cash for Supply Work in the Houchen Settlement account to pay for these lovely pastel colored dishes. An order went off immediately for tumblers, plates, soup bowls, fruit dishes—everything needed to serve these little tots their meals in a safe and most attractive manner.

The children range in age from two months to five years at the Day Nursery. Every corner of both buildings has its own group and is a beehive of activity. The work is limited only by lack of space and workers. Again we say "Thank you" for the Cash for Supply Work.

—MRS. ROBERT STEWART

Malaysia

The Christian Workers' Conference for Straits Chinese recently held at Singapore had as its theme, "Advance for Christ and His Church." Mrs. E. S. Lau, wife of the pastor at the Geylang church, spoke on "The Woman's Society of Christian Service" and "The Advance."

Pastor and Mrs. M. T. Fang of Malaya have arrived at Scarritt College where they will spend the year. Mrs. Fang, the mother of eight children, is president of the Chinese Malayan Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In addition to taking courses in church music and religious education, Mrs. Fang is very much interested in studying the organization and work of the Woman's Division.

Miss Louise Hwang, Crusade Scholar, who recently received her M.A. degree at Scarritt College, has been elected president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Sibu, Borneo.

Latin America

Reviewing the work of the year, Miss Sarah Bennett of Instituto Metodista, São Paulo, Brazil, writes: "At General Conference it was thrilling to hear national leaders speak with burning enthusiasm of the necessity of tithing. Some of the leaders wanted to make it a church law! Finally it was decided that this would be illegal, but at least these discussions made everyone more conscious of the need for systematic giving, and we hear from several places of increased giving this year. A new church must learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive; and we are happy to see this new emphasis here.

"Many visitors have helped to enrich our lives through personal contacts, shared worship experiences, and an interchange of ideas and ideals. Several national Christian leaders have spoken to our student body. This contact with vital consecrated Christians is a great inspiration to students and teachers.

"Enrichment through service comes to us as we work in four churches in São Paulo. One group works in a large downtown city church, another in a large industrial suburb, a third in a newly organized church which is functioning in our Theological Seminary just outside the city limits, and a fourth in the suburb where the school is located. Our ten graduates of 1949 are at work in five states in our orphanage, schools, and churches.

"The addition to our building is nearing completion and we look forward to having two new classrooms, two more bedrooms, and three soundproof practice rooms. (If you lived and tried to teach where you could hear four pianos and three typewriters going most of the time, you would realize how much the soundproof means). Even so, with the arrival of three new workers, we will continue to be very crowded. We are hoping and praying that before the beginning of another year we may have a new teachers' home here on the campus."

Status of Women

Women Ministers Meet

THE thirty-first annual assembly of the American Association of Women Ministers met at the Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, August 8-11 with the Rev. Florence Resor Jardine, pastor of Finely Chapel and Wayland Methodist churches as hostess.

The report on the "Ecclesiastical Status of Women," prepared by the Rev. Hazel Foster, was read and will be published in the *Woman's Pulpit,* the only magazine in the world devoted to women's work in the Christian ministry.

The Rev. Clara Wood of Missoula, Montana, vice-president of the association, showed pictures from slides taken while she and her husband were serving under the Brethren Service Commission in Poland from 1946 to 1949.

The president of the association, the Rev. Mrs. A. J. Gibbs, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, ably presided at all the business meetings. The Rev. Olive Knapp, also from Michigan, broadcast an interview over the Muscatine Radio Station in behalf of women in the ministry.

The Rev. M. Madeline M. Southard of Kansas City, founder of the association, spoke helpfully upon the "Opportunities and Challenges of the Professional Ministry for Women." She urged women to seek first to have a vital spiritual life by taking time for personal devotions. "It is a great honor and privilege to preach the glorious gospel," she declared.

Members were present from Ohio, Minnesota, Montana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Michigan, and Iowa. Fifteen different denominations are represented in the membership, with the Baptist, Methodist, Church of God, Christian, and Nazarene churches leading in the number of members.

—Reported by the Rev. Margaret F. Nash, Moorestown, Michigan.

World Federation of Methodist Women

MRS. PAUL ARRINGTON,
Chairman

CHINA UNIT

ALMIGHTY God, Father of mankind, we thank Thee that Thou hast made of one blood all peoples who dwell upon the earth. May we also become one in spirit through the love of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins on the Cross.

Cleanse us, O Lord, that we may be free from greed, pride, hate, fear, cruelty, and selfishness, and that we may have pure hearts to commune with Thee. Teach us Thy way of loving and help us practice Thy love in our daily living — in understanding, forgiving, and serving Thy children everywhere around the world.

Lord, give us clear vision, that we may be able to lift our thoughts from goods to the good. We pray for lasting world peace; for mediation which will open a way for all nations to live in harmony together; a peace wherein all honest nations must grant that truth taught by Jesus—the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Show us, we pray, how we as Christian women can help bring our sincere desire to pass: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." We ask it in the name of Christ. Amen.

—Lois Hwang

Reports indicate great efforts and loyalty by the Chinese women in the work of their societies. They have evangelistic fervor. One woman reported bringing nine people to Christ last year, some of them women whom she had met while marketing. The members emphasize and cultivate the spiritual life, missions, and social service. The Christian home as an evangelistic center receives significant thought and study.

MRS. ELOISE A. WOOLEVER *Executive Secretary, Woman's Section, Division of Education and Cultivation*

The Little Red Head

(With apologies to "The Little Red Hen")

We are indebted to Mrs. A. H. Sonius and Mrs. L. A. Schreiber, Secretaries of Literature and Publications of the Illinois and Ohio Conferences, respectively.

Early in June there was a meeting of a Woman's Society of Christian Service and the president said: "I had a letter from our district president; she is urging every local society to work especially hard to reach the Second of our Advance Goals. Does *anyone* recall what that goal is?"

"Not I," said the vice-president.

"Not I," said the Promotion secretary.

"Not I," said the treasurer.

(A pause) "Well, I know a little about those Advance Goals," said a quiet little red-haired woman who was sitting toward the front off to one side. "There have been some very good articles about the Advance—all the Goals—in THE METHODIST WOMAN."

"Uh-huh," said the president, "and the letter said something about emphasizing the need for all officers to *study* to make their special line of work *advance*.

"Oh, I have something about *that*," said the secretary of Literature. "A leaflet came to me the other day telling how the new METHODIST WOMAN magazine would have more helps in it for the officers. 'Eight pages new, no cost to you' is the slogan that was on the leaflet."

"Ye-s-s-s," said the president, "but somehow I got the idea that study *classes* are a part of this Second Goal of the Advance; does anyone know what the courses are to be for this new year?"

"Not I," said the secretary of Missionary Education.

"Not I," said the Status of Women secretary.

"Not I," said the secretary of Christian Social Relations.

(A pause) "There's a short article about the new study courses in the June, 1950, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN; it is entitled 'On Curiosity.' I read it," said the little red-haired lady. "I guess 'Curiosity' is my middle name. I like to read *all* those articles and stories in THE METHODIST WOMAN."

"That's fine!" said the president, "but who would know how to conduct a study class?"

"Not I," said the secretary of Spiritual Life.

"Not I," said the secretary of Children's Work.

"Oh," interrupted the little lady with red hair, "there are so *many* ways to get helps for conducting a study class; almost every issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN has some help for a study course. I've read most of those articles and it seems that a study course would be *so* interesting! I'm going to enroll in a study course if we have any of them."

"I would, too," said the president.

"So would I," said the vice-president.

"I would, also," said the treasurer.

A couple of other ladies said the same thing at the same time. Then it was time to adjourn for that day.

Then bad news came to that society. The president's husband got a better job and they had to move to another town. Everyone was stunned; who would be the president of their Woman's Society? Everyone knew no one would do it; they were all *so* busy! But the committee got together anyway and what do you think someone suggested! Could they ask the little red-haired lady — she seemed so interested in everything—and really seemed to know something about the work of the society. So the committee went to her house. When they asked her to be their president what do you think she said! She said, "Yes," she would do her best! And even thanked the committee for thinking of her that way!

"This Woman's Society is such a grand organization; it does so much good in the world," she said, and her eyes just shone! "I feel it a great honor for you to trust me with the office of president." And into her eyes had come that misty look as if she could *see* some of those places where the Woman's Society is doing such good work in Christ's name through the Methodist women in churches just like hers.

The committee finally waked sufficiently to thank her for accepting their invitation and started for their homes. Every one of them couldn't help but say how surprised they were that the little red-haired lady had accepted, especially since they had asked her to teach one of the study courses and she had said she would do her best to make it a good class. But somehow they each felt they wanted to do *their* very best to help their new president.

ENLISTING MEMBERS

Give a World Federation Luncheon. **Decorate each table to represent a country that is a member of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Assign three women to a table; they get a new member for the other place at their table.**

Make a poster **showing a ladder with as many rungs as names on the "Responsibility list." When a woman joins the society, place her name on the ladder rung. This method will keep before the members how many women have been enlisted and the number yet to be won.**

To encourage "each one to win one," **assign names beginning with a certain letter in the alphabet on the Responsibility list to a member whose name begins with that same letter. For example, Mrs. Adams wins Mesdames Abbot, Austin, Allen.**

Watch *The Methodist Woman* for new methods to win members. *Read again* all Advance Clippers; try the suggestions for winning members.

—Northwest Texas Conference

WINTER 1951

WORLD FRIENDSHIP BULLETIN

EDITED BY RUBY VAN HOOSER
Secretary of Children's Work

Gladness and joy in singing draw children and their leaders close together in the Latin-American Social Center, San Marcos, Texas

FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS TO BE STUDIED BY CHILDREN DURING THE WINTER QUARTER

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

For that half of the people of the United States who live in small towns and in the open country, the concern of The Methodist Church today is to see that they are reached by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The ways in which this is done are many and varied, and the endeavor is often full of challenge and adventure. It is the study of this work with which Methodist boys and girls will be engaged in the first weeks of the winter quarter.

During the months of January and February as they follow the emphasis, "The Church in Town and Country," in the regular Sunday sessions of the church school and in additional sessions, children will learn that many races and nationalities are represented in the group of America's people who live in small communities and in rural areas. Primary and junior children will discover that the church in town and country serves those who work in coal mines, in quarries, and in forests. It serves those who live in mill towns, oil fields, on truck farms, those who dwell in the valleys and on the plains. As Methodist boys and girls study about this important mission of their church, they will come to share in the work of some of the leaders who are carrying it on.

HELPING TO BUILD A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

In the town of San Marcos, in one of the rich cotton-growing sections of Texas, stands the friendly new Latin-American Social Center. Two deaconesses of the Bureau of Town and Country Work, Miss Mary Riddle and Miss Mary Cameron, welcome the children, the young people and the adults who come to take part in the varied activities that make the center such a blessing in the life of the community.

"We are especially happy," writes Miss Riddle, "over the Bilingual and Retarded Children's Clinic that was conducted at the center this summer in cooperation with certain departments of the State Teachers' College in San Marcos. With one of the mothers I visited the homes of the children about whom we were concerned, and explained the purpose of the clinic.

"Every morning at seven o'clock the children, their parents, the student-teachers, the professors, and the visiting consultants came to the center and began the day's work. There were Mexican, Negro, and Anglo children. The teachers, too, were of several races. For twelve weeks there was an average attendance of one hundred and twenty-five boys and girls.

If we look at one of the children, perhaps we shall understand something of what the results mean to them. Rachael was completely helpless and was brought to the clinic every morning in a little red wagon. Now the doctors say that she will not only be able to sit up, but that some day she will also be able to walk.

"Altogether," concludes Miss Riddle, "the Clinic for Retarded Children was so successful that the community has employed a special teacher to work with them during this coming school year."

HAPPY TIMES TOGETHER IN HOLLYWOOD

In a little town in the anthracite coal fields of eastern Pennsylvania, three miles from the city of Hazleton, the Hollywood Community House is drawing together into common interests and ties people from many different national backgrounds. Here, to the simple, one-room center, come the children of families who were originally from Italy, Russia, Hungary, and Greece. Each morning kindergarten children climb down gaily from the station wagon to begin their joyous day. Boys and girls of primary and junior age gather for clubs and classes, and take part in activities of fascinating variety. In the midst of all the children—and the youth and grownups as well—moves the worker in charge of the house, Miss Edith E. Roher.

Describing the work with the youngest boys and girls, Miss Roher writes: "Among the kindergarten children there have come moments of quietness and worship when God seems very near. Perhaps that is how a little girl came to say, 'I feel like bowing my head and talking to God.' When this seemed to be the feeling of the group, we went to the piano and sang the words to music. We use the words now as a call to worship and they have become a part of us.

"Because there is so much for children to learn about this world in which we live," continues Miss Roher, "we often, as a family of twenty, get into the station wagon and seek out an open field, a greenhouse full of flowers, a park with swings or seesaws, or a home which has enough baby bunnies for each kindergartner to hold. Then we walk to the rural public school and stand beneath the American flag there. We watch Mr. Turkey's head turn to bluish purple as he gobbles what he thinks of our friendly call; we take an apple to the pony at the other end of Hollywood; and we stand still in the woods to hear and feel the wind."

With experiences such as these in their minds and hearts, is it any wonder that the children love the Community House? Is it any wonder, too, that they live and play and worship happily together?

During January and February, boys and girls will learn about and have some part in helping in the work of many community houses.

PLANNING FOR CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

HIS OWN CHURCH

Long ago the friends of Jesus
Who had lived with Him each day
Met together for His worship;
Others followed in their way:
Bound together in one body,
Jesus' friends the whole world o'er—
His own Church, on His word founded,
Him to honor evermore.*

WILHELMINA D'A. STEPHENS

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PREPARING TO TEACH MISSIONARY UNITS DURING THE WINTER QUARTER

Following the celebration of the Christmas season, the month of January will see children in many Methodist church schools entering upon a study of the current missionary emphasis. Where the Group Graded Lessons are used, primary and junior boys and girls will take part in the study of missionary units during the Sunday sessions of the church school. The same missionary emphasis will also be studied by both groups of children in additional sessions to be held during January and February.

In church schools using the Primary Closely Graded Courses, missionary units will also be studied during the winter quarter. Leaders should plan additional sessions in connection with the study of these units, using materials on the approved emphasis. These materials will be followed:

1. *Missionary units in the Group Graded Lessons during the winter quarter:*

For Primary and Junior Children. The month of January will be given to the study of a unit on "The Church in Town and Country." The teachers' notes may be found in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*[1] for January, 1951. The pupils' materials will appear in the *Primary Class*[1] and the *Junior Quarterly*[1] for the same month.

2. *Missionary units in the new Closely Graded Courses during the winter quarter:*

For Primaries: Course I—Part 2,[1] "Homes for All." Course II—Part 2,[1] "Many People in Our Country." Course III—Part 3,[1] "Children Go to Church Around the World."

3. *Missionary units for additional sessions during the winter quarter:*

*For Primaries: Everywhere Churches in Our Country,** by Mamie D. Ledbetter. 75 cents.

*For Juniors: Friends at the Crossroads,** by Carolyn Edna Muller. 75 cents.

For Juniors meeting once a week throughout the year, the unit, "Because the Church Was There," should be used. It is found in "Plans for Additional Sessions" in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*,[1] January, 1951.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS FOR CHILDREN

As children bring their offerings to World Service and the Children's Service Fund, they are helping to carry on the regular work of their church in more than fifty countries. The eight-page folder of pictures, "When Children Give, 1950-51" * will show boys and girls some of the things the church is able to do when they contribute to missions. 15 cents per copy; in dozen lots, 7 cents each.

SHARING GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

Here are some of the places and some of the ways in which Methodist children may share in the work that their church is doing in this country and overseas.

SUPPLIES FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS

For work with children in the coal-mining towns of the East, with boys and girls in Latin-American Centers in the Southwest, and with children in other rural areas:

Send gifts of $3.00 or $5.00 with which to purchase equipment and supplies for community centers in town and country for these workers: Miss Mary Riddle, Latin-American Social Center, San Marcos, Texas, for new kindergarten tables and chairs; Miss Edith E. Roher, 950 Peace Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania, for playground equipment for Hollywood Community House; Miss Ruth Sutherland, Latin-American Community Center, Ozona, Texas; Miss Bessie K. Van Scyoc, McCrum Community House, 26 Nutt Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; *or for the rural workers in your conference.* These gifts should be sent as *Cash for Supply Work,* by the treasurer of the local Woman's Society of Christian Service through the regular channels of finance. Books for the children's library may also be sent to the workers listed.

FOR CHILDREN IN EUROPE AND ASIA

"Please do keep on sending both money and supplies. We need them desperately." This word comes from workers in many countries.

Send outfits of new or good used clothing, including warm sweaters and mittens, for boys and girls in Europe and Asia to Church World Service, 214 East 21st Street, New York 11, New York.

Send money for food, milk, clothing, and medicine for children in Europe and Asia to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.
* Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

CHILDREN'S SECRETARIES AND THE PROGRAM OF ADVANCE

In this third year of the Advance program the congregation in every local Methodist church and the members of every Woman's Society of Christian Service are going forward with plans for the expanding work of the quadrennium. Within these plans the endeavor to meet the all-round needs of children both at home and abroad has a central place.

The secretary of Children's Work in the local Woman's Society will make an important contribution to the program of Advance if she will do the following things relating to the Christian training and the well-being of boys and girls!

1. Enter actively week by week during the winter quarter into the plans that are being made by the children's workers in the church school, including the plans for missionary education during January and February.

2. Invite unreached children in the community to take part in the activities and fellowship of the church school.

3. Make brief reports to the Woman's Society of some of the interesting things that children in the church school may do during their study of the missionary units. Share with the society exhibits of children's maps, posters, books, and pictures.

4. Take part in the plans for the betterment of the lives of children in the community, state, and nation that may emerge from the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.

FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

In its issue for January, 1951, the magazine, *The Christian Home,* is building its contents around the theme "The Home and Christian Attitudes Toward Others." The use of this issue of the magazine by parents and teachers will be especially timely in connection with the study of the children's missionary units in the same month.

VISUAL MATERIALS ON CURRENT EMPHASIS

For Leaders. The slide sets (2 x 2 kodachrome) "This Is Rural America" (rental $1.50) and "The Chickasha Larger Parish" (rental $2.00) contain good background material for leaders.

For Children. Some slides from the sets listed may be used with children. The motion pictures, "Summer on the Farm" and "Spring on the Farm" (16 mm., colored, 11 minutes, $4.00 per reel) may also be used with children. All of these materials may be ordered from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

READING BOOKS—MAPS—PICTURES

The use of these materials will bring enjoyment and practical help to workers with children as they get ready to teach the current missionary units during the winter quarter.

1. MATERIALS FOR CHILDREN

The Three Henrys and Mrs. Hornicle, by Edith J. Agnew. Primary reading book on current emphasis. $1.00.

The Thirsty Village, by Dorothy Blatter. Primary reading book for use with some units on the Bible. $1.00.

Esa, a Little Boy of Nazareth, by E. Mildred Nevill and Elsie Anna Wood. 50 cents.

The Busy Berrys, by Frances Dunlap Heron. Junior reading book on current emphasis. $1.00.

They Live in Bible Lands, by Grace W. McGavran. Junior reading book. For use with units on the Bible, when appropriate. $1.00.

Maps: Picture Map of the United States, by Janet Smalley. Large illustrated work map. 75 cents.

Outline Map of the United States. 34 x 22½ inches, 25 cents.

Picture Map of Bible Lands Today, by Janet Smalley. Illustrated work map. 75 cents.

Picture Sets in Color. Round the World Series. Set of eight pictures with accompany stories. $1.00 per set. Babies, Children, and Their Pets; Children and Their Homes; Children and Worship.

Story Papers: Pictures and Stories. For primary children, January, 1951. 17 cents a quarter. *Trails for Juniors,* January, 1951. 22 cents a quarter. Order from The Methodist Publishing House.

2. MATERIALS FOR LEADERS

Rural Prospect, by Mark Rich. A study of the church and the rural community. $1.00.

THE METHODIST WOMAN *and* WORLD OUTLOOK. These magazines during 1950-51 will contain articles, stories, and pictures bearing on the emphasis, "The Church in Town and Country."

Child Guidance in Christian Living, for January, 1951, will contain articles and pictures on the current emphasis. 35 cents a quarter. Order from The Methodist Publishing House.

All these materials may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, or distributing offices, or from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

THELMA STEVENS, *Executive Secretary*

Information and Action

To Local Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities—

Dear Friends:

We can never be sure of "peace on earth" for men of good will until "human rights" are guaranteed for all men everywhere. What are some of these simple rights that so many people take for granted and others long for in the world today?

An unofficial version of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights interprets *some* of these *thirty* rights as follows:

"Since all people are brothers and sisters in the human family, you should treat everyone with respect."

"Your rights have nothing to do with your bank account, family ancestry, religion, sex, color, or political beliefs."

"If anyone takes away your basic rights you can ask court action and get them back."

"You have the right to Freedom of Religion and the right to express your religious convictions."

"You may *say, write,* and *read* whatever you choose."

"You may go after any job you can handle, and you are entitled to a living wage."

"You should shoulder your own responsibility in society, making sure you do not step on the rights of others."

If you are concerned about these and other rights not listed here, there are things you can do as a Christian woman, individually, in your home, in your church, in your community, and in your nation. Here are some specific suggestions for action as you rethink your life purpose at this Christmas season and seek to make His will realized on earth.

1. Do you know about the jobs in your community that are open to *all* people of every race and creed, who are qualified to fill the job? If you were the person of a minority group denied a job because of the color of your skin or your religious affiliation, how would you explain it to your young son or daughter who wanted to be like other children? . . . "There was no room for [Him] in the inn." . . .

2. If you were traveling by train on Christmas Day to a "far country"—in Georgia or Texas or Mississippi—and discovered that your "neighbor" on the train in the Jim Crow car could eat his Christmas dinner only behind a drawn curtain while you sat where you pleased, what would you do?

Some railroads have "reserved the right"—even in the face of the Supreme Court ruling—to seat their passengers as they please! But in reply to a protest sent by a passenger to the L. & N. Railroad Passenger Agent the following reply was received, dated August 16, 1950:

"Referring to your letters of July 7th and August 11th, concerning your experience in the diner on our *Humming Bird,* June 26th, while you were en route from Gulfport, Mississippi, to Louisville:

"I am pleased to advise that the conditions of which you complain have been corrected, and I am satisfied you will not experience any further difficulty while a passenger on our railroad."

3. Have you watched to see *who* can patronize the eating places, soda fountains, barber shops, movies, or recreational facilities in your community? Get a little group of your local members to secure facts about such practices and discuss the findings and decide how you will work to give patronage to concerns that recognize the basic equality of all people.

OBSERVE
HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
December 10, 1950

4. Is there a D.P. family in your community? What is the attitude of your local church toward them? Do you agree with that strong organization in the United States that recently passed a resolution to urge our government to stop immediately the admission of D.P.'s to this country? Do you believe that if you are persecuted in your country, you have a right to seek refuge in another? In the final analysis, only totalitarian governments *build walls* that block freedom of movement and refuse refuge to the homeless!

5. Have you thought of spending some of your Christmas money to make some of your friends aware of *some laws in this nation* that relate to the rights of people of color? Why not write Literature Headquarters and order the new book by Pauli Murray: *States' Laws on Race and Color, Price $4.00!* Place it in your church library or parlor, or in your local public library or high-school library or in the college near by.

At this Christmas season our hearts are bowed with shame that we have been so slow in learning to be like Him whose birth we celebrate, and who came "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Sincerely,
THELMA STEVENS
ELEANOR NEFF CURRY
DOROTHY WEBER

Of Such Is the Kingdom

For more than two years plans have been under way for the *Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth.* Over 5,000 leaders in health, welfare, education, religious, and civic activities of children and youth will come to Washington, D. C., for this conference December 3-7, 1950. In this group will be about 500 people from overseas. This effort to focus our attention on the needs of children and youth is most timely in December, when this nation observes the birthday of Him who set a little child in the *center* of a group of His followers and said "of such is the kingdom." The Christian Church through these 2,000 years has had a major concern for meeting the needs of children and youth.

Once every ten years since 1909, under the leadership of the President of the United States, this nation's attention is centered on the needs of children. In this year 1950 the youth of this nation are facing more serious problems and responsibilities than ever before. Therefore, it is timely that the central emphasis of the conference should relate to "the primacy of spiritual values, democratic practices, and the dignity and worth of every individual."

State and local committees have been set up across the nation. Many church women are active members of these committees. Some were appointed by the Governors. Others were enlisted for service because of their concern for the welfare of children and youth in their own local community.

You will want to know how The Methodist Church is related to this Mid-Century White House Conference. There are three important ways:

1—Certain agencies of The Methodist Church will have two official representatives each in attendance at the December conference. There will be ten Methodists there in this relationship. The Woman's Division has designated *two* of these, namely, Mrs. Mabel Garrett Wagner, Executive Secretary of the Bureau of Urban Work in the Home Department, and Mrs. Salmon P. Myers of Detroit, who is chairman of the Committee on The Christian Family and the Committee on Children's Work of the Woman's Division.

2—Some Methodist women and men have been appointed on the State Committee by their Governors to study the needs of children and youth and send the report to the White House Conference. Some of these Methodist leaders will be delegates to the Mid-Century Conference in Washington in December.

3—The third relationship is possibly the most important of all. That places the responsibility for *meeting the needs of children and youth on the local man and woman in the local church and community. How can this be done?*

a) Get the facts when they come from the White House Conference.

b) Ask your local newspaper and radio station to carry news stories about the conference.

c) Study facts and learn where your own community needs are.

d) Set in motion in your local church a program to meet the needs in your own community.

In 1949 there were over fifty million children and youth in the United States. The bodies of the majority of these children are faring well, but what have we done to safeguard their social, emotional, and spiritual well-being?

The *goal* of the Mid-Century White House Conference is "A Fair Chance for a Healthy Personality —For Every Child."

The Woman's Division has been looking ahead and planning some special ways of keeping our concerns for children and youth before us.

1—The monthly program material for 1950-51 relates to the *Health* needs of the world's children and adults.

2—The Woman's Division was represented at the Protestant Conference on Child Welfare in October, 1949, and Methodist women will profit greatly by ordering a copy of the Findings and studying them in circles and extra sessions of your Woman's Society and Guild. (Order from Literature Headquarters *The Nation's Children—The Church's Responsibility"* — Price 35 cents).

3—One of the four approved studies for 1951-52 will be "Family Life—A Christian's Concern." This will give major attention to the needs of children and youth, and will be ready by June, 1951.

4—The general church Advance calls for special emphasis on the *Family* and the *Community* in the last year of this Quadrennial Advance. Woman's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds will be alert to fully participate in this phase of the church-wide Advance emphasis. Watch the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN for suggestions.

As one phase of this emphasis, the general Advance Program of the church will include plans for a National Conference on Family Life scheduled for October 12-14, 1951. Every local church will have an opportunity to participate in the follow-up of this conference! Be alert to plans as they are publicized for your use.

HAVE YOU PLANNED TO USE THE ARTICLES ON *ALCOHOL* THAT WILL BE FOUND ON THE PAGES OF *THE METHODIST WOMAN* FOR NOVEMBER, 1950; JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, 1951?

The Fifth Assembly of the United Nations—A Good Omen for the Future

In a world where more people than even before had learned the meaning of the words "United Nations"; in a world where suddenly U.N. flags had begun to fly from tall buildings on great avenues of the world and on schools and newspaper offices of small towns; in a world where thousands of U.N. flags were in the hands of Korean peasants in refugee camps and where hundreds of groups of American women were sitting down in a new Betsy Ross movement to create U.N. flags for their communities—the United Nations met for its fifth assembly. In spite of the fact that cold war had kindled into hot in one spot all of the signs at that Assembly were good.

There was, first of all, the realization that some of the questions that had been in everyone's mind were answered. People had speculated as to whether the United Nations could stand a real test when it came and they had wondered in the same breath, as part of the same question, whether the United States would give help and give it through the United Nations when that time of testing came.

These questions were answered on a June morning of 1950. The United States, informed of what it concluded to be aggression in Korea, offered armed support to South Korea and then immediately notified the Secretary-General of the United Nations and placed the affair in its hands. Roused from bed at 1:30 A.M., Secretary-General Trygvie Lie exclaimed that the action of the invading North Korean forces was in direct violation of the Charter of the United Nations and set about summoning the Security Council to an emergency meeting. The Security Council called for a "cease fire" and, when that was not obeyed, declared that aggression existed, accepted the forces offered by the United States for police action on behalf of the United Nations, and called for other nations to contribute to the effort. Action had been taken by the United Nations, and the United States had defined its policy in the words of its President, "The status quo is not sacred, but we cannot allow change in status quo in violation of the Charter of the United Nations."

There were good omens, too, in the speedy admission of the new United States of Indonesia as the sixtieth member of the United Nations, and in the election as its fifth president of Nasrollah Entezam of Iran. He had earned a reputation as a skillful adjustor, conciliator, and mediator of disputes between members of the U.N. and had a long record of service in international organizations dating back to the days of the League of Nations.

There was hope, too, in the increased public interest. There have been some sessions of the General Assembly where tickets went begging but this time they have been most highly prized. Korea had convinced Americans that our fate is inextricably tied to what happens at the United Nations. It was more than a straw in the wind when one New York taxi driver observed that he had not had a chance to think about baseball because he had to listen to how we were doing in the United Nations.

But the most encouraging of all was the way in which decisive action was taken and concrete suggestions for avoiding stalemate made. The eight-power resolution, which called for the unification of Korea, established a new Korean commission, and instructed the Economic and Social Council to immediately prepare plans for the rehabilitation of Korea, was adopted with record speed and by a vote of forty-seven to five with eight absentions.

A plan for effective handling of aggression was submitted first in an outstanding speech by Secretary Dean Acheson and later in an Assembly resolution backed by six nations.

Three coincidences had made possible the Korean action: (1) the absence of the Soviet from the Security Council on June 27, (2) the presence of the U.N. Korean Commission on the spot so that impartial official accounts of events could be secured and, (3) the presence in the vicinity, because of occupation duty, of sufficient troops to begin police action under the United Nations.

The United States resolution sought to substitute specific measures to serve as future safeguards: (1) When the veto deadlocked the Security Council in a matter of possible aggression the General Assembly should be called on twenty-four-hour notice to deal with it; (2) that contingents of armed troops should immediately be given to the U.N. by member nations as specified in Article 45 of the Charter; (3) that a peace observation commission or "peace patrol" be established which could be sent to any country where trouble was threatening, to observe and report to the United Nations; and (4) that a collective measures committee be set up to study methods that might be used by the U.N. to maintain international peace and security.

Demonstrating Our Faith in the U.N.

Looking Ahead to the 82nd Congress

The 81st Congress is returning to Washington on November 27 to wind up its business. As indicated in the October and November issues of The Methodist Woman, its attention in recent months has been centered almost exclusively on the military aspects of foreign policy, national defense, and drastic antisubversive legislation. This emphasis is likely to continue into the 82nd Congress as it gets under way in January, overshadowing domestic social legislation and international measures supporting and strengthening the U.N.

During these days of tremendous responsibility and testing for the United Nations, it is important that we, the people of the United Nations, make known our faith in specific ways. One of the important opportunities we have to strengthen the magnificent program of the U.N., and build world confidence in this organization, is by urging our congressmen to support measures which will demonstrate to the world genuine United States support of the United Nations. Because there was so little expression of public interest, the 81st Congress failed to act on several major bills. This means that we must redouble our efforts through informal conversation with our friends, a strong and continuing program of education in our church and community, and urgent communications with our congressmen. Unless the 81st Congress approves these measures during these last few weeks, similar bills will undoubtedly be introduced in the new Congress. In each case it is important that we write the chairman of the committee responsible for a bill, urging speedy consideration and action. Copies of these letters might be sent to our representatives and senators. Follow-up with another letter or visit to our representatives and senators is advisable when the bill is about to be debated by the whole House or Senate. You will want to send for the revised issue of the free leaflet, *Register Christian Opinion,* Methodist Commission on World Peace, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, which lists new chairmen and members of committees.

1. *Outlawing Mass Murder.* Though the United Nations General Assembly unanimously approved the *Genocide Convention,* which would outlaw the mass destruction of national, ethnical, racial, and religious groups in 1948, and though eighteen nations have ratified this treaty, the 81st Congress failed to act on this measure. Since this is a treaty it will be considered by the Senate only, beginning with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

2. *Increasing World Trade and Prosperity.* Though the United States took the leadership in the conference of sixty nations which drew up the charter of the International Trade Organization—a U.N. organ which would establish a fair code of trade practices among the nations of the world, thus promoting world trade, prosperity, and security among the nations of the world—it has failed to approve United States membership in this organization. This measure will probably be considered by both the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

3. *Children Without Funds.* Every day in Palestine an extra meal that makes the difference between an adequate and inadequate diet is fed to more than 440,000 mothers and children by the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund; in Greece a million children stand in need of help daily and receive it, and in southern Italy three quarters of a million. One of the worst droughts in Yugoslavia's history has ruined most of her crops. And in Korea requirements are overwhelming. Korea, Yugoslavia, Palestine, Greece, and Italy are the emergency areas in this world of plenty, where children may starve during the next few months unless aid is available. The U.N. has only one million dollars of the necessary $6 million.

It is encouraging that the United States supports the continuation of this fund on a permanent basis, although with certain modifications that would restrict the relief activities of the permanent agency to special emergency situations, shift its emphasis to long-range technical assistance programs that would help countries with chronic needs to set up programs of their own, and coordinate its work with that of other United Nations agencies. If Congress, when it finishes its work in December, has not appropriated the sum of up to $15 million authorized for international children's work, the matter will have to be reconsidered all over again by the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees of the 82nd Congress.

It is quite possible that the U.N. General Assembly, now in session, will reject the United States proposal that emphasis be shifted from outright relief to needy children toward long-range programs. This would make more difficult the securing of funds from the United States and several other major contributors, including Canada and the Scandinavian countries.

Note: Congress has approved the $2.5 million increase in appropriation for the five international agencies, including the FAO, WHO, and ILO; and a $27,450,000 appropriation for the U.N. Relief and Rehabilitation Program among Palestine Refugees. Also, please note this *correction* in next to the last paragraph on page 28 of the October Methodist Woman: the $30 billion military budget is about *600 times,* rather than 1/600 of the U. S. contribution to the U.N.

MY GIFT AT EPIPHANY—

A Receptive Spirit

With the coming once more of Epiphany, is there anything new that can be said?

Very likely not. There are not many things that *are* new, after centuries of living. Sometimes it seems as though life is just a series of cycles of repetition. With a theme so beautiful and full of symbolism as the story of the three Wise Men, whose visit to the Christ child is commemorated in the Church calendar by the observance of Epiphany on January 6, every variety of approach has been made in painting and literature.

But the familiar can take on newness. And herein is one of the secrets of keeping life at a high level of expectancy. In *The World's Great Madonnas,* by Cynthia Pearl Maus, there is quoted a poem by Sister Mariella, "The Sheep Herd," picturing one of the shepherds who found the holy Child and mother in the Bethlehem stable. His work as a tender of sheep had seemed to him nothing but monotony, or worse. The smell of wet wool revolted him. The hoar frost covering the ground on dark chill mornings depressed him. The barking of the sheep-dogs irritated him and wore him down.

And then he came into that Presence, and all of life changed. Nothing was insignificant after that, in even the smallest detail of the daily task. As he returned to it the commonplace scene was transformed. The hoar frost sparkled like diamonds, turning the very weeds to jewels. The sheep's wool was golden in the morning sun. The barking of the distant dogs in its repetition had something of the cadence of far-ringing bells.

Perhaps this year the best gift we can bring to our King is the gift of a receptive spirit that will result in our seeing all things new, however accustomed and even monotonous they have become. We have been passing through a busy holiday season with scant time for most of us to turn our thoughts inward; and a receptive spirit does not come by mere chance. We might think silently upon the following and ask ourselves some questions such as these:

My Time: Do I take time—however briefly—each morning before my day begins, to think about the reality of the presence of God?

My Human Relationships: Do I remind myself that each person I meet during the day, however casual the meeting, is an opportunity for Christ to express Himself through me? And that perhaps this is my opportunity to transform the day for someone I may not even know?

My Sense of Stewardship: As a steward of God's gifts to me, should I restudy the division of my gifts and my personal expenditures, to make sure I am administering them as nearly as possible according to His will?

My Basic Faith and Practice: In a world where the war clouds are hanging low, am I keeping my spirit free from despair and bitterness? Am I meeting whatever comes with confidence that God is still at the center of His world?

When the Wise Men returned from visiting the Christ, we are told they "went back by a different way." As we return to life's routine after our observance of Epiphany, ours may be a different way—a way of new light on an old task; new insight into other people's problems and possibilities; new awareness of the divine possibilities within us and every other human being in God's world.

HOPE CHEST

Mrs. J. N. Fagg, Membership Chairman of the Woman's Society of the Travis Street Methodist Church, Sherman, Texas:

In September a Visitation Day was held. The town was divided into four parts, with each circle taking one section. Calling cards and pencils were given to callers, so that a note might be left if there were no answer. The names were typed on index cards; any information obtained on these visits was written on the back. These cards went into an index box. This little box is now marked "Hope Chest" in the hope that these names will eventually become new members and make our society 100 per cent. Every person on the Responsibility List was contacted. If a woman did not join, but indicated interest, that was recorded; the new Membership Committee will contact her again. *No name was taken from the list.* Several names were transferred to the Guild Responsibility List. If a woman asked to be left alone, a notation was made but the name was not dropped. We separated the names of those who might be interested in a circle for shut-ins. The electric light company was a great help in giving correct and new addresses, also the local Credit Bureau.

Our sixty new members led the Sherman District in membership.

A Worship Service for Epiphany

By MRS. S. C. MORRIS, SR.,
Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, Newark Conference

Opening Hymn: "Ancient of Days"—*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 59.

Prayer

Meditation:

As we observe Epiphany, we remember the Wise Men who came from afar to find the baby King and bring costly gifts to Him. There was Melchior, leading the way and bringing gold as his offering. Gaspar brought frankincense—that gum which was necessary in making the holy perfume. Certain sweet spices were pounded to powder and then the frankincense added to make a holy incense, which when lighted would send up clouds of smoke, reaching as it were to the heavens, symbolizing worship and prayer to a heavenly King. (Exodus 30:34-36) Balthazar's offering was myrrh—expensive, scarce, one of the chief ingredients in the recipe for the holy oil which the Lord gave Moses and commanded that it be used for the anointing of kings, priests, and others set aside for special services. (Exodus 30:23)

Tradition, through Henry Van Dyke, has given us another Wise Men. His sole fortune was three jewels—a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl of great value. He planned to bring them to the infant King, but was detained along the way because of the needs of many. A sick man by the road; a child's life to be saved, for which he gave the ruby to the captain of a band of soldiers; a young girl's ransom, paid with the pearl. For thirty-three years he searched for the Christ, only to find Him when he lost his own life on the day of the crucifixion and to hear the words, "Verily, I say unto thee, inasmuch as thou hast done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou hast done it unto me."

The Advance Program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service began in the local societies two years ago on January 6, Epiphany, the day on which the Wise Men are supposed to have reached their goal: an appropriate day to begin such a magnificent program of advance. The Program is divided into four Goals, now familiar.

GOAL I

In Lamentations (4:2) we find the prophet comparing the sons of Zion to fine gold. Another prophet (Zechariah 13:9) speaks of trying people as gold is tried until they shall say, "The Lord is my God." Our part is to bring to the feet of Jesus, as Melchior did, gold. This *human* gold. "Every Methodist woman a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service or the Wesleyan Service Guild."

GOAL II

Gaspar brought frankincense—a good symbol for our second goal—"Every Methodist woman studying, giving, building, and praying for a world Christian community."

If we could put all these efforts into a vessel and pound them together, and light the mixture with the torch which comes from the Light of the world, I am sure the fragrant incense would send a cloud of smoke from earth to heaven that would be pleasing in God's sight.

GOAL III

Balthazar's gift is a fitting symbol for our third Goal. He brought myrrh, one of the chief ingredients in the holy ointment, the oil used when setting folks aside for the service of God. Do you have a small portion which may go toward this holy oil? Is it to be found in your home—in my home? There are young people in our communities standing ready to launch out on full-time service—their life work. Is there no one ready to anoint them?

GOAL IV

If the Program of Advance requires more workers on the front, it will naturally require more money to carry it on. Have you been journeying along in the manner dreamed by that Fourth Wise Man, or have you already realized, as he came to see, that in order to find the Master, we must sell all and give? There will be no trouble in meeting Goal IV if we have a membership consecrated to the extent that we are willing to give to the Master "all our living." This is our challenge for today. Are we able to dedicate all our living to the cause of Jesus Christ?

HYMN: "Are Ye Able"—*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 268.

Christmas Around the World

[This program is adapted from a longer one prepared by Mrs. Walter G. Iles of the University Church, Syracuse, New York. Mrs. Iles is president of the Margaret Cole Guild, composed of the young wives and mothers of the church.]

LEADER: We are going to take you on a magic carpet—or, rather, in a magic sleigh—around the world, to observe some of the customs of other lands; and then on a visit to some of our mission stations to see how they celebrate this joyous time.

FIRST SPEAKER:

'Twas the night before Christmas
And the world was a-waiting
For strange lands and peoples
To start celebrating.

SECOND SPEAKER:

In the little city of Bethlehem
On a dark night long ago
Three Wise Men followed a star on high
To a stable far below.

Today in Bethlehem's little streets
Celebrations are quiet and small.
The people rise early to go to church—
And then, back to work—one and all.

THIRD SPEAKER:

Christmas in Holland, on the fifth of December,
Is a gay family day and one to remember.
No stockings are hung by the fireside with care,
But wooden Dutch shoes will await Saint Nick there.

FOURTH SPEAKER:

Long, long ago from England there came
The first Christmas card, bearing Henry Cole's name.
He started a custom we follow each year
Of sending out Christmas cards, bringing good cheer.

FIRST SPEAKER:

"Now Dasher, Now Dancer, Now Prancer, and Vixen—
On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donder and Blitzen!"

SECOND SPEAKER:

Away in the mountains, the Swiss have their lore
Passed down to the present from ages before.
An onion is picked from the vegetable vault
And twelve layers chosen, and covered with salt—
Each piece for a month of the coming new year;
And all wait till morning with mixed hope and fear.
Where they find the salt damp, in those months will be rain:
And where it is dry, will be sunshine again.

THIRD SPEAKER:

France's Christmas is early—the fourth of December:
And the twelve days before are the ones to remember,
For these are to forecast the weather to come
In the future new year—as the Swiss folk have done.
The Christ child, not Santa, arrives in a sleigh,
But he comes, not on Christmas, but on New Year's Day.

FIRST SPEAKER:

And so we leave Europe. Though customs may vary,
Though language seem strange, and the feasts and the fun,
Yet the spirit of Christmas—not only what's merry
But its gift universal—makes all people one.

CHRISTMAS HYMN—"God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen"

FIRST SPEAKER:

There is a special magic about Christmas gifts, as all the world knows. Gifts at other seasons of the year may have their own charm, but about gifts at Christmas time there is a special aura. Perhaps this magic quality is due in part to the fact that the gifts of the Magi to the Christ child are an integral part of the Christmas story. All down the centuries, gifts at Christmas have been woven into the fabric of the folklore of the various countries of the earth. Or it may be that this gift is in a special way a tiny reflection of God's love in giving His son to the world.

In Christian schools around the world children and youth are being taught by their leaders to approach the giving of gifts at Christmas in a spirit of reverence and love. Special care is being taken to teach students to seek the less fortunate, those in urgent need of hearing that "Love came down at Christmas."

SECOND SPEAKER:

In some of the churches in India the people contribute money, and give a special dinner to the unfortunate families who do not have enough to eat and who might go hungry on Christmas day. This is called the Feast of Love. Each family contributes a certain amount per head and the food is prepared in one place. The community comes together to participate in this feast. It is a great union of the people and they have a wonderful time.

THIRD SPEAKER:

In China, White Gifts often go to the refugees and the refugee organizations. The West China Union University has had a white offering at its Christmas candlelight service for the past twenty-one years. At the Baldwin School for girls in Nanchang, students bring money to the foot of the cross. This money is

used for buying meat for the lepers and for a Home for the Handicapped, and cookies and fruit for a Home for the Aged.

FOURTH SPEAKER:

In Korea, university students have had a money tree. The girls march up to the tree and tie on little bags of money or lay beneath the tree bundles of clothing. These clothes and the rice bought with the offerings are distributed to those in need.

SECOND SPEAKER:

In America at Bennett College, North Carolina, it is traditional to have a beautiful program called "The Living Madonnas." The Bennett girls pose as the Madonnas, while children of the faculty members pose as the Christ child. The students here at a pre-Christmas party collect gifts for underprivileged children of their community.

THIRD SPEAKER:

And at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, it is traditional to give a special offering at Christmas time for Overseas Relief. Each student offers the money that she would otherwise use for gifts for her friends at school. This is divided between CARE and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

FIRST SPEAKER:

And so in the mission stations around the world you will find variety in the giving of gifts. Gifts of food, of clothing, and of money for relief; gifts to refugees; gifts to institutions; gifts of parties to underprivileged children—all given in the name of Christmas love. If we can remember this great love, we will remember the Christ in Christmas.

ENCOURAGE FAMILY WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS

FAMILY worship has been especially stressed this year, as "we seek Him together." We are glad to bring to the women of our societies a program prepared by the Board of Education, which answers a real need at this point.

To assist parents planning to observe Christmas as a holy day, the Department of the Christian Family of the Board of Education has prepared a special worship service for use in the home. This is the fifth year that this service has been made available by the Board with an increase in use every year. In several churches last year the Woman's Society of Christian Service ordered a copy for every family in the church.

"Christmas Worship in the Home" contains a brief service based upon the Christmas carols and the familiar story from St. Luke's Gospel. The cover is a four-colored lithographed picture of "The First Christmas," by Frederick. It could be used as a center of worship in the home during the Christmas season.

This beautiful worship folder may be ordered from The Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Price $2.00 per hundred, 30 cents per dozen. Cash must accompany the order.

OUR COMMITMENT

Thousands of women who were at the Assembly, or at one of the summer schools, signed there a commitment card which is serving them as a personal reminder. For the far larger number who have not seen this card, we are presenting a replica which you may like to duplicate in mimeographed form for the Epiphany service or for individual use.

Keeping it where you see it often, helps!

Commitment Card

Believing that every person is of infinite concern to God,
and
that He intends my life to be an expression of this love of His,
I commit myself to a greater love in fellowship.
Believing that Jesus' word about the easier yoke and lightened burden
came from his experience of joyous oneness with the Father,
and
that this experience, as I face a year of increasing activity,
can be likewise mine,
I commit myself to a new joy in the task.
Recognizing that whereas *giving* may be a finished act, *sharing* is a
never-ending enriching interrelationship,
I commit myself to an attempted sharing of all that
God has shared with me.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD NEWSLETTER

MARION LELA NORRIS, *Secretary*

MARION LELA NORRIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

For the year 1950-51, Scholarships of Five Hundred Dollars each have been given to ten candidates who are going into full-time missionary service. Five are pictured on this page. The other five will be in the February issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

The scholarships are the gift of the Guilds all across the country who gave so generously in response to the call for two scholarships—one for Scarritt College and one for National College for Christian Workers—that there are five for each college both this year and next.

Any Guild member who is interested in missionary service and wishes to make application for a scholarship should write to the Department of Missionary Personnel, at the address given on this page.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Wouldn't you like to be a part of the Fellowship of Christian Service in Africa? Or in India? Or Pakistan?

Perhaps you would prefer to work in the United States, Alaska, Puerto Rico, or Hawaii?

The Board of Missions and Church Extension expects to send fifty young women and men to Africa next August to serve for three years, and twenty-five to India. Half of these will serve the Foreign Department of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The Home Department of the Woman's Division wants fifty young women, and a few men, for work in the United States for two years, and a few in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii for three years.

Each will be given an intensive period of training in July and August, with emphasis upon religious development, orientation, and methods of work, and language study for those going abroad.

Some of the urgent needs are for laboratory technicians, home economics teachers and dietitians, nurses, agriculturists and rural workers, bookkeepers and secretaries, and educators.

If you are interested, write to the Department of Missionary Personnel, Board of Missions and Church Extension, The Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York.

LEFT TO RIGHT:

Martha Johnson, TIPTON, INDIANA. TAYLOR UNIVERSITY, DIRECTOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, ANDERSON, INDIANA, SCARRITT COLLEGE, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WORK IN BRAZIL.

Virginia Seesle, IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY. SENIOR AT NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, DEACONESS.

Barbara Hartman, EAST STROUDSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, B.S., PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, SCARRITT COLLEGE, PHARMACIST IN AFRICA.

Frances Bearnes, CULVER, KANSAS. TEACHER IN RURAL SCHOOLS, STUDIED AT KANSAS WESLEYAN AND FORT HAYS KANSAS STATE COLLEGE, SENIOR AT NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, DEACONESS.

Doris De Graf, FRUITPORT, MICHIGAN. SETTLEMENT WORKER AT DILLES COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT, SENIOR AT NATIONAL COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, DEACONESS.

My Dream

I had just returned from a meeting of the conference Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild, where I had heard a woman say, "If you would have your dream come true, you must first wake up." [1]

That statement remained in my mind until the wee hours of the morning. At last I fell asleep.

In my dream I stood somewhere, somehow above the world and held in my hands a set of binoculars with great and magical powers. By means of a slight adjustment I could see the whole planet—our earth.

By a move of my thumb and forefinger, I could get a perfect view of the United States. The grandeur of its mountains entranced me and the majesty of the forests awed me. Joyce Kilmer's words, "Only God can make a tree," came into my dreamy thoughts. The glory of our land seemed to seep into my soul and I sensed in a new and wonderful way how "the whole earth is full of His glory."

Again I adjusted the binoculars, and slowly, surely and, yes, more clearly now, I saw people—small people, large people, black people, white people, until the land was covered with people.

Another half turn caused the whole landscape to change. This time it was dotted with factories, homes, churches, and schools. Everywhere people were running around. All of them hurrying to get somewhere, many of them confused and not really sure when they arrived.

Once more I turned the delicate adjustment — the buildings were gone — all I could see was women. Large women, small women, black women, white women, gainfully employed women and unemployed women. This pair of binoculars—how really wonderful they were! What other scenes could they bring to my dream world?

Quickly I turned the focal adjustment, and this time I beheld only the gainfully employed women —all of them rushing to places of business and, impossible though it may seem, there were *millions* of them. I began to count. One million, two million, three million, four million, on—on—on to seventeen million.[2] Seventeen million employed women; trained, brilliant, vibrant women. Women doctors, lawyers, nurses, writers, executives, educators, and scientists were all represented in this wonderful group.

The delicate and sensitive adjustment of my binoculars fascinated me. I turned it again, and behold the women began to disappear. Finally there remained only the gainfully employed women in the ranks of Methodism. Again I counted. One thousand, two thousand, three thousand, four thousand—on and on to one million. Then my dream mind slipped back to page 12 of the *Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook* — needed at once "one thousand new missionaries, deaconesses, teachers, and other full-time Christian workers to help meet the needs of the world."

How easy it will be to get them, I thought, as I gave the adjustment screw a slight twist. Of course it will be easy to find one thousand women to do this challenging work.

Women have always served where needed. They have always been great forces of sympathetic understanding to alleviate the suffering of the world. Here is a call, the need is urgent, and the suffering acute. Many of these women are college trained; many have specialized training in specific fields; all are keen, interesting, and alert; all of them possess material assets, active minds, and boundless energy. Of course they will give enthusiastic support to this great call to service.

What is the matter? The screw adjustment must be off. The focus is out of line. My vision is blurred. Where are the women, so clearly visible a second ago. Oh! I see them now—but only a few of them. Once more I began to count. One thousand, two thousand, three thousand, four thousand, on and on to two hundred thousand and all Wesleyan Service Guilders, too. Will they answer this urgent call? Who will do this work? Where are the other women? How can I find them? Nervously I turned the adjustment screw, frantically I worked, then with a sudden start, I awoke.

Yes, it was a dream—but a very real one. Now I am awake and I am still searching for the one million women who need the church and have within themselves the potential to meet the challenge given to Methodist women in our great program of Advance.

Yes, I am awake and I am still looking for the one thousand women who are *needed at once.*

Yes, it was a dream—but to make the dream completely satisfying we must *all* wake up.

—Adona Sick

SUPPLEMENT TO QUADRENNIAL HANDBOOK

To help Guild units choose materials that are most helpful to the employed women, this supplement to the *Handbook* is in preparation. Watch back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN for price, and order for each officer and committee chairman.

In the April issue of The Methodist Woman the story of "The Children's Letter to the United Nations" was given. The music written by Celius Dougherty has been published by G. Schirmer, Inc. (60 cents). Many Guild members, particularly those who are teaching children, will find this a very excellent way to present United Nations.

Mr. Dougherty writes: "The song will be available for choral singing in five different settings, all at sale at Schirmer's. Ambassador Austin has written me a wonderful letter which I hope to have reprinted. It should do a great deal in furthering the 'cause' of the song."

[1] Mrs. Floyd B. Foster, Scranton, Pennsylvania.
[2] United States Bureau of Census.

Notes From Guilds

"Our Christmas tea is held the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's at the church. It is just an informal get-together, at which we renew acquaintances among ourselves and with those who have been away working, teaching, studying during the year.

"We usually have a short program of Christmas poetry and music, with a gift exchange followed by refreshments."

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"Instead of exchanging gifts at our Guild Christmas party, each member brought toys or other gifts for young children to be sent to Miss Holliday at Mothers' Memorial Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, to be used in the work of this Guild project. Gifts sent were those listed under supply needs for her project."

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"This little village has a Vesper Guild which is comprised of all denominations meeting in The Methodist Church and using the Wesleyan Service Guild program materials, giving part of their funds to the Guild projects, and using the rest on home projects. There is a membership of seventy-five and last evening there were more than sixty at the meeting.

"It is such an inspiration to be in these meetings. They send invitations or deliver them personally for every meeting. Refreshments at each meeting are in keeping with the season. Those who move away have been known to return from as far as twenty-five miles.

"Last evening we had the story of 'The Girl Who Walked Without Fear.' So many said the story did something for them, and 'It is so different; we liked it.'"

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Excerpt of letter from a missionary to a Guild member:

"Lois, your letter enclosing the cheque for seventy-five dollars from the Galesburg church Wesleyan Service Guild came yesterday and thrilled me to cake-walking all over the place. To think of their thirteen members caring like that that my scholarship fund be swelled!

"The happiest part about it is that the minute I reported it Miss Chakko said, 'Would you be willing to use it for Anjali Biswas?' Today one of the other students came to me and said, 'Miss Chakko, if you knew of a girl who is so desperately worried over money to finish her senior year that she can't eat, she can't sleep, she can hardly concentrate on her studies, would the college be able to help her out?'

" 'Who is it, Brinda?'

" 'I'll send her to you, and she can tell you her story.'

"So Anjali's worries will disappear due to your great kindness. She is such a dear, and a good student. This gift, coming the very same day that the need became known, seems dropped right from Heaven, for the scholarships had of course all been assigned before college opened. With dollars bringing so many rupees now, this seventy-five will mean just everything to the girl. She sits in front of me in English class four hours per week, so eagerly responsive—an attractive, innocent-looking child though she must be twenty. She wrote in a theme some weeks ago of her younger sister's dream of coming as a freshman last July, and then of the day her mother had to tell them of a financial disaster that would prevent."

QUOTES

Our Christmas gift to God, to our absent brothers, and to all men everywhere is to look out upon our world with an absolutely unconquerable hope, because the light of Christ does still shine wherever there is darkness and the darkness has never overpowered it. Nor can such light ever be overpowered, for it is of God.

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"You are happy," Albert Schweitzer said to himself, "therefore you are called upon to give much. Whatever more than others you have received in health, natural gifts, working capacity, success . . . you must not accept as a matter of course. You must pay a price for them. You must show more than an average devotion to life."

He has directed his tremendous intellectual, spiritual, and physical strength into channels of service to his fellow creatures in the heart of Africa, thus living out Jesus' words, "All ye are brethren."

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Looking to the future, let us remember that "Nothing will lift the thoughts of men to higher levels like unselfish prayers for one another."

Robincroft Rest Home

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ing with the theme of the decorations. The old, old story of the birth of Jesus is ever new and sweet, the carols never lose their charm and appeal. Gifts are distributed and no one is forgotten. Good cheer and fellowship abound. The identity of the mystery sisters is revealed. It adds much to the merriment of the party to discover who has been doing such nice things, one for the other.

All possible preparations for the festive dinner are made the day before, so that Christmas morning is relatively free for unhurried meditation.

Arrangements are made for a ride to see the beautiful out-of-doors decorations which are Pasadena's pride. The streets, parks, and private homes compete with each other in unique and original decorations. The ride includes a drive down "Christmas Tree Lane," the mile-long avenue of Himalayan cedars or deodars. Thousands of persons travel long distances to see the illumination of these two hundred famous trees. On Christmas Eve, all who wish make the pilgrimage to the lighting ceremony and those who go receive a spiritual blessing. There is a reverent silence; one can almost hear the angels sing their *Gloria in Excelsis* while waiting with the throng for the myriads of colored lights to be turned on.

The climax of the holiday season comes on New Year's Day when all able Robincrofters, with cushions, folding chairs, and blankets go forth while it is still dark to stake a vantage point for viewing the glamorous Rose Parade several hours later. After that we settle down to everyday living, grateful for all the good things that have been ours.

Corporate Worship

Dear Secretary of Missionary Education:

When you have read *We Seek Him Together* and the Guide prepared for the course on corporate or group worship, you will wonder how you can best share with the other members of your society the ideas and longings that have come to you. The outline below is offered with the hope that it may help you.

A. Order from Literature Headquarters: (1) *We Seek Him Together,* by *Hardie* (price, 60 cents); (2) *A Guide to We Seek Him Together,* by Powell (price, 15 cents); (3) *In Spirit and in Truth,* by Brownson (price, 45 cents); (4) *Study and Action, 1950-51* (free leaflet), and all free leaflets of the Woman's Society of Christian Service bearing on the spiritual life.

B. Requisites for teachers.

1. Personal concern for the experience of worship.

2. Familiarity with the text, guide, and other books on corporate worship.

C. Provision for service participation.

1. Individual assignments.

2. A browsing table.

3. For large groups the appointment of a secretary, a librarian, a hostess, a publicity agent, an assignment chairman. Ask the librarian to plan to feature one or two attractive books each time such as: *The Lord Is My Shepherd,* by Barnhart; *In Our Image,* by Rowe; *This Is My Father's World,* by Rice; *Teach Us to Pray,* by Whiston; *The Book of Worship; A Testament of Devotion,* by Kelly; or other helpful devotional books from lists found on pages 98-105 in *We Seek Him Together.*

4. Organization of groups on topics.

a. Art and Symbolism in Worship.

b. Prayer Groups and Retreats.

c. Music and Worship (See Missionary Education page in THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1950).

d. The Use of the Bible in Worship.

e. Family Worship.

D. Materials Needed for Study.

1. Books: In addition to the text and the guide, as many as you can find from the lists suggested by Mrs. Hardie and Mrs. Powell, as well as other helpful ones you may be able to find in public libraries and your church library. The librarian should obtain books, display them, and return them immediately following the end of the school.

2. Three tables—one for worship center, one for books (browsing table), and one for teacher.

3. Pictures of worshiping individuals or groups.

4. A blackboard and a bulletin board (for displaying pictures, symbols, poems, jackets of books).

5. Materials for worship centers.

FIRST SESSION

1. Present picture (any good picture of a worshiping group).

2. Pray together the prayers of General Confession (p. 506) and General Thanksgiving (p. 514) (*The Methodist Hymnal*).

3. List reasons for studying worship (These may be drawn from the group by discussion, or given indirectly through a simply told story such as "Mr. Onion" by Dana Burnet, or "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by William Saroyan, in the book, *Seas of God,* edited by Whit Burnett—p. 235; p. 521).

a. Our generation is hungry for some great affirmations.

b. Techniques for worship needed: the sort of worship that gives poise and courage.

c. Techniques for sharing the satisfying and enriching experiences we find in worship with others in our families, our church, our community, our world.

d. Help in getting more out of worship services: such as the regular Sunday morning service, Communion and other sacraments such as marriage and baptism.

4. Work out a definition of worship.

5. Ask members to describe briefly some moment when God seemed very real. Write these down briefly. (See p. 18, *The Guide*). See what there is in common in all of these. If story was not used early in the session, it may be used here. (Use an older story if you prefer such as "The Blue Flower" or "The Lost Word" by Van Dyke in *The Blue Flower.*)

6. The leader or someone appointed in advance of the study may give a five-minute review of Chapter I in *We Seek Him Together,* touching the worship of primitive man and stressing the section on early and medieval church and the Reformation, and suggesting the following books:

The Church of Our Fathers, by Bainton
One God, by Fitch

7. Give assignments.

a. Read Chapters I and II in text.

b. Select a book from the browsing table to read before next session.

c. Have a brief meeting with the leaders of the five groups (appointed in advance) and pass out or at least suggest materials; decide how to incorporate findings of the groups into the class sessions.

8. Have closing worship from *The Guide* (p. 20-24).

SECOND SESSION

Preparation in advance: See Appendix A (p. 261) in Powell's book, *Guiding the Experience of Worship.* Have on hand a picture of Isaiah in the Temple (There is one in a Series for closely Graded Lessons for Intermediates).

The Session

1. Share reading since last meeting. (Five or six women may be allotted five minutes each to introduce some book they have read or are reading.)

2. Discuss different types of worship experience and elements in each. (See *Guide,* p. 26.)

3. Summarize Mrs. Hardie's suggestions for the four moods of worship (ACTS) and describe Dr. Brightman's and Dr. Vogt's pattern of worship. (See *Guide,* p. 28.)

4. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 and give setting. (Call attention to the picture of Isaiah referred to above, which should be used as the worship center or displayed on the bulletin board.)

5. Discuss concepts of God.

6. Give assignments—Assign Chapter III in text and ask women to be ready to discuss questions 3, 5, and 6 in "Questions for Review and Discussion" on page 50. Compare Dr. Vogt's pattern with the Sunday morning service in your church. Compare the John Wesley Order of Service (see *The Methodist Hymnal,* p. 506) with this pattern.

7. Have closing worship (*Guide,* p. 29).

THIRD SESSION

For AIMS, see *Guide,* p. 32.

Preparation in advance.

Prepare women for sharing in worship service. (See p. 41 in the *Guide* for suggestions.)

Use candles for worship—unlighted until time for worship.

The Session

1. Discussions—What makes worship vital? (See *Guide,* p. 33.) How can worship become more meaningful to us? (See *Guide,* p. 35.)

2. Together, examine John Wesley's Order of Service and compare with patterns studied on page 36 of the *Guide.*)

3. Discuss questions on page 37 of the *Guide.*

4. Make assignments—Assign Chapter

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What's the News From the "3" Program?

By MRS. THOMAS PRYOR, *North Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Student Work*

The three-year-term program of missionary service has been under way only a short period of time. The *J-3's* will soon be coming home; the *I-3's* are in their second year, the *LA-3's* are starting their work in South America. How are these young people reacting to their experiences?

Perhaps the best way to answer this question is to read some of their letters and follow some of their experiences in their fields of work. The deep sincerity of purpose, the consecration to their Christian task, the willingness to serve without regard of cost, is apparent immediately. It is a humbling experience to share the thoughts and aspirations of this group of adventurous youth.

Ruth Parrott of Minnesota writes from Japan:

"Back home I found it hard to visualize a 'God of all the nations,' for we were all white and alike, and my God was too much a God of America. Here I was jolted into 'God's All,' for I am but one foreigner among millions of people in their own country.

"I've learned to think as never before. Not to think of little things, but to go deep inside myself and think until it actually hurts—hurts because I realize that I haven't thought nearly enough. I came here to love, and find that I am loved far more than I can ever love. I came to be humble, and find that I cannot be humble enough. I came to share, and find that I am receiving far more than I'll ever be able to give.

"We are greatly challenged by the people of Japan, and by the opportunity of working with them. With the help of God and His wonderful blessing we are going to give our utmost."

Not one of the young folks would admit being homesick at Christmas time! Paul Sims, another J-3, wrote last Christmas:

"Finally Christmas Eve arrived. I decided to take a little walk before going to bed—it was beautiful outside (snowing)—and besides, I was just a bit lonely, I guess; not sad or homesick, but just in a very thoughtful mood. So I walked a while, thought much of home, family, those dearest to me, and all the things that Christmas means. Then my thoughts turned to meditating on the goodness of God and His abiding presence since the last Christmas. My thoughts finally became prayers as I walked among the stately pines on the old castle grounds. God was close, and the birth, life, death, and glorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ was very, very real. I was grateful for that peace and assurance that came to me afresh during that Christmas Eve walk."

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY
DECEMBER 31, 1950

Secretaries of Student Work in the local church should recognize all students home from college. Cooperate with the pastor in presenting them in a church service. If students have attended conferences, this may be a chance for them to report to the home church.

Then a letter from Morse Saito tells of his work also in Japan:

"Right now I have sneaked away from a children's clinic which is going on full speed downstairs for the needy children of the area. We have already treated over two hundred children and there are many more who are waiting joyfully in line to be cured of what ails them. I sneaked away because I didn't want to be there when we run out of medicine, which is going to happen in just a few minutes; I couldn't stand looking at those faces when they tell them that we just haven't any more medicine to treat those who are left . . . and to watch them trudge off with their stiff oriental masks of blank looks over a disappointed heart.

"Friends, I'm having the time of my life out here . . . yet it often scares me when I think of my inadequacies as a leader of those who look to me. However, I am often surprised at the strength given me through prayer, yours and mine in His work."

This, then, is the spirit of those whom you have sent out. Does it not give one a sense of humility and gratefulness that there are among our college graduates of today young people of this caliber and consecration, who are willing to go out into difficult and dangerous places to work for the Master? Does it not give us hope for a new world tomorrow, where his Way may still be made known?

Let us then continue to support them by our prayers, our gifts, and our interest. And may we do our part as secretaries of Student work to interest students in this three-year-term service of the church.

This year fifty *A-3's* for Africa and twenty-five *I-3's* are needed, as well as *U.S.-2's* for the home field. All types of workers are wanted, especially those skilled in agriculture, nursing, and recreation. The Department of Work in Home Fields is recruiting fifty young women for two years of service in Home Missions projects. A limited number of young men may be included in this group. Remember the emphasis for student work: *W*anted *S*tudents for *C*hristian *S*ervice.

By HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

A Family Affair

One opportunity given to the local church Board of Missions and Church Extension is to assist the pastor each year in planning "for a church-wide school of missions in order that the entire congregation may be drawn into a period of intensive study." It should be a family affair, something the family will plan for and talk about together. In many places the church night or family night is the procedure used for the school of missions.

Many people inquire about the church school of missions, because one question asked of the secretary of Youth Work is: "Have the young people participated in a church school of missions?" It is not expected that each church will reply to this question more than once a year. The suggestions here are to help us see the church school of missions as another opportunity for missions in the MYF.

The MYF should be represented on the committee planning for the school. There should also be youth representation on the various committees such as publicity, arrangements, and program. This will assure a wider appeal to the young people of the congregation as the plans are adapted to their interests. The commission on missions and world friendship would, accordingly, co-ordinate such planning with the projected plans for missions in the regular program of the MYF.

The best educational procedures should be used. This includes having several class sessions and the best teachers available, as well as using the best study materials. It makes use of methods such as small group and committee work, opportunities to learn by doing and group planning and evaluation. It should also provide for an expression of the missionary zeal gained through the study. There are usually six sessions. These may be on six consecutive evenings or once a week for six weeks. Some churches have found the Lenten season the best time for their school. Adjustments should be made to suit the local situation.

While the MYF will select materials for their class on the basis of their needs and interests, we suggest that the current Missionary Education Movement materials be used. (See *Missionary Materials for Youth*—free leaflet.) Some groups may find this a place to learn more about the Methodist Youth Fund and the program of missions, Christian education and youth work which it helps to maintain around the world. Others may prefer a study of vocational needs and opportunities on the mission field both at home and abroad. There are endless possibilities!

Before the school ends someone will ask, "What are we to do about all this?" Study will lead to action! It may mean a decision for future study or increased giving through regular channels such as the Methodist Youth Fund, World Service, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

One pastor writes: "The success of the school of missions is reflected in increased missionary giving and in personal commitments to Christian service. The seven years of the school have meant seven years in which World Service giving has increased. Two of our young people this year have made decisions to enter church vocations. While the causes of one's commitments cannot be weighed in a test tube, we are confident that the school of missions has played a large part in shaping the destinies of these young people."

Who can estimate the result, if the families of the church—adults, youth, and children—think and talk together of a friendly world. Through fun, fellowship, and study they will commit themselves "to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people in all lands."

Corporate Worship

(*Continued from page 36*)

IV in text and ask women to plan a service of worship, selecting materials and arranging them to move up to a climax. Ask the interest groups to meet together with the leader.

5. Have the closing worship service.

FOURTH SESSION

1. Work out in class an original worship service.

2. Assign Chapter V and ask each interest group to prepare a report and present it in the next class session.

3. Discuss the finding of worship materials. Have a closing worship service worked out previously by the leader or some member of the group who has worked with the leader.

FIFTH SESSION

1. Define symbols.

2. Have reports from interest groups (See *Guide*, pp. 49-50) for order of reporting).

3. Assign Chapter VI.

Ask group to study its sanctuary—the symbols, architecture, lighting, arrangement of altar and choir loft.

SIXTH SESSION

1. Read together Coe's paragraph following Mrs. Hardie's and Mrs. Powell's suggestions.

2. Have brief reports from browsing table readers.

3. Discuss results of course thus far.

4. With *Study and Action: 1950-51* before you, discuss projects which are listed in connection with this study and decide on something which your group can do; or appoint a committee to make recommendations at an early date.

5. Have closing worship.

Throughout this study may you have a closeness of fellowship with the members of your group, and a sense of nearness to the Eternal beyond that which you have before experienced.

Cordially yours,

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A Radiance Streaming

THE light of the star which shone over the Bethlehem manger still casts its rays ver the Christian World. This ght is a "radiance streaming," dding more luster to each day.

There are many avenues of light. Vith consummate skill, the editors f our field literature have pro-ided materials to increase our nowledge and concern for mis-ions.

The first copy of **My Visit to Iorth Africa** has just reached my esk. Certainly the light of Christ's resence is seen through the eyes of his writer who, visiting North frica, saw the ruins of the gate-vay through which Raymond Lull, he first missionary to the Moslems, nust have walked many times. She lso saw, amidst pathos and degra-ation, the light shining as little hildren learned to read Bible tories at Les Aiglons and the Voman's Society conducted their vorship and experienced Christian ellowship. Through her vivid pen ictures you see the splendid serv-ce which is now being done in Iorth Africa, and you yearn to in-rease and fortify this work. Each f us will joy in that light, if we ead **My Visit to North Africa** free) by Juanita Brown. It is ex-ellent material to use with the extbook, **Near East Panorama** $1.00) by Glora Wysner.

A Challenge to Faith (20 cents) ot only gives us interesting facts bout Islam's strength throughout he world, but also information on s social laws. Best of all, this amphlet tells of our Christian pportunities in North Africa.

The Kabyle People ($2.00) by lora Wysner is another most nteresting book of factual mate-al to be used with our Near East udy.

And what of the light as it is shared in the Christian community? Two pieces of literature, **In Town and Country** (45 cents) by Noreen Dunn Tatum and **Rural America, What the Methodists Are Doing There** (free), picture projects of the Woman's Division and the Division of Home Missions and Church Extension where enlightened people are stepping forth to share the knowledge of Christian community living. All this supplementary literature brings light to the study of **Rural Prospect** ($1.00) by Mark Rich.

For the worship course based on **We Seek Him Together** (60 cents) by Maude White Hardie, we find a real help in the guide for building worship services by Hazel Brownson, titled **In Spirit and in Truth** (45 cents). It reminds us that the quality of group worship is determined by the quality of the prayer life of leaders and participants. Helps toward attaining this quality are found throughout this booklet.

The Vocation and Avocation of an Employed Woman (free leaflet) might be distributed to add interesting light to the study of **The Christian's Vocation** (60 cents) by G. Bromley Oxnam.

All in all, the light of information which is shed throughout our Woman's Societies begins in the Publications Catalogue. Through its use, each secretary of Literature and Publications can keep her society informed and supplied with these many valuable publications. Information awakens interest and interest grows and causes concern; and concern brings gifts of self and substance for the work.

THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK are increasingly important to us. This is indeed a changing world and the picture of "A United Nations International Party at Wolff Settlement," on page 21 of the October WORLD OUTLOOK shows various degrees of light as it presents world brotherhood to these children. THE METHODIST WOMAN of September, page 10, tells us of "Partners in Obedience," and we see women with leadership responsibilities who have caught the light in our Woman's Division schools in Latin America.

Many of our societies have received the award for a 33⅓ per cent increase in combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Our sincere congratulations to each one.

At a recent meeting of the Missionary Education Movement, a delightful book of songs was introduced; the author is a charming leader in the world of music. An international songbook dedicated to the spirit of brotherhood among all people, it is called **The Whole World Singing** ($2.75) by Edith Lovell Thomas.

May your Christmas light and mine be intensified as we read and sing together and feel a sense of oneness with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

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Henrietta Gibson,

CONFERENCE INCOME ON APPROPRIATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

Jurisdiction	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1950-51	Total Pledged 1950-51	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1950-51
Central:							
Atlanta	$ 100.00	$ 52.00	$ 152.00	$ 1,842.00			$ 152.00
Central Alabama				950.00			
Central West	198.50	31.50	230.00	920.00	$ 84.14	$ 2.00	316.14
Delaware	898.66	10.00	908.66	5,500.00			908.66
East Tennessee				1,500.00			
Florida	94.00		94.00	350.00			94.00
Lexington	1,793.00		1,793.00	4,500.00			1,793.00
Louisiana				2,783.00			
Mississippi				2,258.00			
North Carolina	385.00	20.00	405.00	1,600.00			405.00
Savannah	150.60		150.60	575.00			150.60
South Carolina	800.00		800.00	3,038.00	11.00		811.00
South Florida	100.00		100.00	400.00			100.00
Southwest	30.00	4.00	34.00	600.00	4.00	3.00	41.00
Tennessee				1,380.00			
Texas	625.00	27.00	652.00	2,400.00	62.65		714.65
Upper Mississippi				600.00			
Washington	604.00	89.75	693.75	5,050.00	50.45	13.00	757.20
West Texas				1,300.00			
Total	5,778.76	234.25	6,013.01	37,546.00	212.24	18.00	6,243.25
North Central:							
Dakota	2,290.37	112.65	2,403.02	26,000.00	790.00	9.36	3,202.38
Detroit	11,764.55	234.05	11,998.60	112,000.00	1,737.60	72.68	13,808.88
Illinois	21,014.44	375.22	21,389.66	160,000.00	503.84	166.83	22,060.33
Indiana	17,326.26	929.86	18,256.12	90,000.00	1,671.50	397.25	20,324.87
Iowa-Des Moines	11,779.02	391.35	12,170.37	86,600.00	2,677.11	115.40	14,962.88
Michigan	6,500.52	443.16	6,943.68	84,000.00		135.04	7,078.72
Minnesota	6,638.46	499.15	7,137.61	81,500.00	912.52	50.36	8,100.49
North Dakota	1,047.18	120.00	1,167.18	26,331.00	104.50	60.64	1,332.32
North Indiana	12,915.87	920.18	13,836.05	128,800.00	2,040.12	242.67	16,118.84
North-East Ohio	24,943.28	1,074.32	26,017.60	188,121.00	2,644.06	336.56	28,998.22
Northwest Indiana	5,548.21	181.65	5,729.86	58,150.00	864.50	74.91	6,669.27
North Iowa	11,333.52	211.06	11,544.58	128,800.00	3,333.94	68.53	14,947.05
Ohio	25,899.04	573.15	26,472.19	205,000.00	4,613.00	374.00	31,459.19
Rock River	8,810.53	722.37	9,532.90	138,558.00	1,911.00	124.58	11,568.48
Southern Illinois	8,453.18	1,038.98	9,492.16	39,000.00	556.12	133.21	10,181.49
West Wisconsin	4,698.07	350.39	5,048.46	25,000.00	430.99	39.80	5,519.25
Wisconsin	4,085.91	486.50	4,572.41	42,050.00	578.32	41.63	5,192.36
Total	185,048.41	8,664.04	193,712.45	1,619,910.00	25,369.12	2,443.45	221,525.02
Northeastern:							
Baltimore	17,020.09	97.05	17,117.14	100,000.00	1,280.39	44.38	18,441.91
Central New York	3,738.45	20.00	3,758.45	50,000.00	711.50	15.36	4,485.31
Central Pennsylvania	5,264.16	92.00	5,356.16	54,000.00	238.57	8.00	5,602.73
Erie	7,544.76	41.00	7,585.76	65,000.00	579.17	139.31	8,304.24
Genesee	4,674.59	57.72	4,732.31	55,000.00	230.68	5.80	4,968.79
Maine	1,089.32		1,089.32	8,800.00	18.75	6.87	1,114.94
Newark	9,819.48	299.33	10,118.81	68,400.00	410.66	83.50	10,612.97
New England	5,229.01	112.00	5,341.01	34,000.00	373.32	46.33	5,760.66
New England Southern	1,949.79	45.00	1,994.79	23,000.00	353.78		2,348.57
New Hampshire	775.84	10.00	785.84	6,800.00	96.50	15.41	897.75
New Jersey	2,739.13	160.00	2,899.13	50,414.00	316.23	30.22	3,245.58
New York	3,164.91	835.00	3,999.91	34,000.00	315.54	18.03	4,333.48
New York East	9,446.62	617.59	10,064.21	53,785.00	309.62		10,373.83
Northern New York	2,742.23	61.10	2,803.33	30,000.00	52.00	29.43	2,884.76
Peninsula	6,458.21	20.13	6,478.34	34,000.00	1,054.35	67.05	7,599.74
Philadelphia	9,522.39	1,394.36	10,916.75	70,000.00	369.13	60.08	11,345.96
Pittsburgh	12,202.57	158.40	12,360.97	90,000.00	236.93	66.38	12,664.28
Troy	6,484.70	112.50	6,597.20	51,000.00	150.35	5.30	6,752.85
West Virginia	24,956.87	1,237.87	26,194.74	112,000.00	3,077.95	126.20	29,398.89
Wyoming	7,601.99	220.40	7,822.39	48,000.00		23.46	7,845.85
Puerto Rico Provisional							
Total	142,425.11	5,591.45	148,016.56	1,038,199.00	10,175.42	791.11	158,983.09
South Central:							
Central Kansas	9,062.78	556.99	9,619.77	136,500.00	780.97	198.74	10,599.48
Central Texas	13,519.17	1,712.29	15,231.46	66,200.00	1,075.33	22.99	16,329.78
East Oklahoma	7,219.20	693.63	7,912.83	53,902.00		25.44	7,938.27
Indian Mission				800.00	32.95		32.95
Kansas	7,326.91	287.35	7,614.26	84,000.00	439.61	98.07	8,151.94
Little Rock	13,709.65	1,055.35	14,765.00	57,500.00	790.02	34.14	15,589.16

FIRST THREE MONTHS—1950-51

ND CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

Treasurer

DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1950-51	Total on Appropriations 1949-50	Week of Prayer (Including W. S. G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$ 152.00		$ 152.00							$ 152.00
			$ 122.35		$ 6.00				6.00
316.14		316.14	231.00						316.14
492.00	$ 416.66	908.66	1,099.26		19.00				927.66
			293.60						
94.00		94.00							94.00
1,793.00		1,793.00	1,500.26						1,793.00
			143.75						
			726.44						
405.00		405.00					$ 7.00		412.00
150.60		150.60			8.00				158.60
811.00		811.00	1,000.00						811.00
100.00		100.00	91.25						100.00
41.00		41.00	67.00						41.00
			238.50						
714.65		714.65	484.01		20.00				734.65
			63.70						
757.20		757.20	679.41	$ 2.66	9.00				768.86
			460.00						
5,826.59	416.66	6,243.25	7,200.53	2.66	62.00		7.00		6,314.91
3,202.38		3,202.38	3,436.17	17.10	103.70		21.00		3,344.18
12,596.40	1,212.48	13,808.88	13,603.49	25.82	740.09	$ 622.14	89.20		15,286.13
17,410.33	4,650.00	22,060.33	26,708.37		2,720.53	692.13			25,472.99
19,574.87	750.00	20,324.87	17,536.10	5.00	652.75	1,450.00	70.25		22,502.87
13,702.88	1,260.00	14,962.88	13,644.99	19.60	2,165.33	132.00			17,279.81
7,078.72		7,078.72	9,728.07		613.16				7,691.88
7,871.83	228.66	8,100.49	8,251.33		1,682.15	151.00			9,933.64
1,332.32		1,332.32	2,919.83		564.48				1,896.80
14,618.84	1,500.00	16,118.84	14,737.64	27.41	2,490.79	1,000.00			19,637.04
26,398.24	2,599.98	28,998.22	21,563.80		1,432.60	597.30			31,028.12
6,669.27		6,669.27	6,773.82		258.45	65.00			6,992.72
14,107.23	839.82	14,947.05	14,239.25	30.05	1,599.66	307.50	15.16		16,899.42
25,059.20	6,399.99	31,459.19	31,243.05		1,359.91	1,011.00			33,830.10
10,918.48	650.00	11,568.48	12,060.49	48.13	1,047.40	628.50			13,292.51
9,681.49	500.00	10,181.49	8,575.53	55.68	1,718.41	92.00			12,047.58
5,094.27	424.98	5,519.25	5,058.78	91.99	954.75	694.57			7,260.56
5,192.36		5,192.36	5,145.60	41.95	560.32	88.00			5,882.63
200,509.11	21,015.91	221,525.02	215,226.31	362.73	20,664.48	7,531.14	195.61		250,278.98
14,541.91	3,900.00	18,441.91	18,169.25	48.71	1,116.06	75.00	68.80		19,750.48
4,485.31		4,485.31	6,956.95	30.00	59.57	182.00			4,756.88
3,936.07	1,666.66	5,602.73	6,058.34		406.10				6,008.83
6,554.25	1,749.99	8,304.24	9,463.05		1,294.34	42.00			9,640.58
4,635.47	333.32	4,968.79	6,439.44		169.00	469.48			5,607.27
1,114.94		1,114.94	1,359.87		21.00				1,135.94
9,712.97	900.00	10,612.97	8,504.68		810.06		$ 45.58		11,468.61
3,010.68	2,749.98	5,760.66	6,265.63		195.90	1,565.16			7,521.72
1,598.57	750.00	2,348.57	2,900.50	14.00	35.00				2,397.57
897.75		897.75	847.85		26.50			$ 200.00	1,124.25
2,412.26	833.32	3,245.58	8,799.94		88.00	25.00			3,358.58
4,333.48		4,333.48	3,452.77	20.25	125.00	115.00			4,593.73
9,298.83	1,075.00	10,373.83	10,948.38	5.00	692.93	15.00	40.00		11,126.76
2,884.76		2,884.76	588.64	2.75	109.25	80.90	25.00		3,102.66
5,974.76	1,624.98	7,599.74	9,039.99		506.49	217.80			8,324.03
8,745.96	2,600.00	11,345.96	14,680.47		661.45	973.27			12,980.68
8,164.28	4,500.00	12,664.28	18,841.81	28.01	333.33	200.00			13,225.62
6,752.85		6,752.85	7,857.32		199.50	50.00		45.00	7,047.35
26,548.89	2,850.00	29,398.89	25,848.15	61.64	2,594.82	50.00	84.98		32,190.33
6,545.86	1,299.99	7,845.85	9,393.71		587.65	46.00			8,479.50
132,149.85	26,833.24	158,983.09	176,416.74	210.36	10,031.95	4,106.61	264.36	245.00	173,841.37
10,218.24	381.24	10,599.48	13,486.45		1,849.64				12,449.12
16,329.78		16,329.78	14,489.03	15.05	1,680.86	10.00	31.10		18,066 79
7,938.27		7,938.27	250.00	5.00	992.00				8,935.27
32.95		32.95	200.00						32.95
7,051.94	1,100.00	8,151.94	8,020.31		486.16				8,638.10
15,289.16	300.00	15,589.16	1,212.50		1,158.91				16,748.07

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Jurisdiction	Adult	W.S.G.	Paid on Pledge 1950-51	Total Pledged 1950-51	Youth	Children	Total on Appropriations 1950-51
South Central (Continued):							
Louisiana	$ 8,967.09	$ 1,031.00	$ 9,998.09	$ 74,655.00	$ 853.73	$ 51.04	$ 10,902.8
Missouri	13,734.91	565.63	14,300.54	30,000.00	.....	129.48	14,430.0
Nebraska	8,616.65	509.71	9,126.36	113,150.00	25.10	119.89	9,271.3
New Mexico	8,650.38	223.84	8,874.22	20,000.00	.....	30.00	8,904.2
North Arkansas	8,041.42	1,425.00	9,466.42	45,000.00	299.33	23.32	9,789.0
North Texas	14,211.00	1,187.00	15,398.00	73,250.00	250.00	37.50	15,685.5
Northwest Texas	11,831.12	1,227.08	13,058.20	62,000.00	1,007.34	32.12	14,097.6
St. Louis	11,902.92	1,104.36	13,007.28	55,000.00	257.68	78.98	13,343.9
Rio Grande	226.88	.....	226.88	690.00	78.37	1.00	306.2
Southwest Missouri	5,704.30	244.10	5,948.40	67,506.00	303.70	41.87	6,293.9
Southwest Texas	13,161.57	1,243.33	14,404.90	50,000.00	778.90	132.63	15,316.4
Texas	20,144.10	2,168.66	22,312.76	101,200.00	557.70	232.68	23,103.1
West Oklahoma	11,989.79	851.15	12,840.94	73,000.00	638.18	46.49	13,525.6
Total	188,019.84	16,086.47	204,106.31	1,164,353.00	8,168.91	1,336.38	213,611.6
Southeastern:							
Alabama	12,562.13	1,255.76	13,817.89	65,000.00	434.80	110.80	14,363.4
Cuba Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	18,535.55	1,082.00	19,617.55	85,000.00	1,428.59	108.23	21,154.3
Holston	12,245.13	2,274.87	14,520.00	58,000.00	1,218.70	79.80	15,818.5
Kentucky	9,446.22	1,084.88	10,531.10	42,000.00	858.29	84.88	11,474.2
Louisville	5,313.35	811.65	6,125.00	42,000.00	1,609.55	63.71	7,798.2
Memphis	11,781.39	2,307.24	14,088.63	54,000.00	490.19	34.21	14,613.0
Mississippi	8,255.31	1,275.64	9,530.95	48,300.00	.....	19.02	9,549.9
North Alabama	14,345.90	1,842.30	16,188.20	68,500.00	1,160.82	33.22	17,382.2
North Carolina	17,455.03	1,913.88	19,368.91	84,000.00	936.46	162.99	20,468.3
North Georgia	23,571.42	4,558.58	28,130.00	102,500.00	939.84	155.12	29,224.9
North Mississippi	9,163.37	910.74	10,074.11	31,000.00	903.78	36.23	11,014.1
South Carolina	16,794.68	1,777.19	18,571.87	103,500.00	1,797.33	53.99	20,423.1
South Georgia	15,661.31	1,551.82	17,213.13	75,000.00	514.98	65.46	17,793.5
Tennessee	10,664.07	1,574.65	12,238.72	60,000.00	574.07	33.14	12,845.9
Virginia	27,911.93	2,209.50	30,121.43	130,000.00	1,909.80	302.13	32,333.3
Western North Carolina	21,004.02	2,323.49	23,327.51	85,000.00	.....	70.09	23,397.6
Total	234,710.81	28,754.19	263,465.00	1,133,800.00	14,777.20	1,413.02	279,655.2
Western:							
Alaska Mission	80.00	.....	80.00	650.00	.....	.....	80.0
California Oriental Mission	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....
California-Nevada	9,570.72	475.85	10,046.57	78,200.00	281.31	63.74	10,391.6
Colorado	2,830.90	237.84	3,068.74	40,544.00	.....	49.75	3,118.4
Hawaii Mission	77.00	.....	77.00	2,300.00	13.71	.....	90.7
Idaho	1,329.71	50.00	1,379.71	13,000.00	87.62	.....	1,467.3
Japanese Provisional	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.55	.....	13.5
Latin American Provisional	40.00	.....	40.00	155.00	21.62	.....	61.6
Montana	1,540.00	69.00	1,609.00	13,500.00	81.02	19.62	1,709.6
Oregon	3,666.89	377.15	4,044.04	40,200.00	398.60	10.99	4,453.6
Pacific Northwest	6,515.10	283.95	6,799.05	55,000.00	451.67	32.69	7,283.4
Southern California-Arizona	26,829.16	877.62	27,706.78	218,000.00	2,019.46	129.36	29,855.6
Wyoming State	1,104.51	85.00	1,189.51	6,589.00	48.02	.....	1,237.5
Total	53,583.99	2,456.41	56,040.40	468,338.00	3,416.58	306.15	59,763.1
Total from Conferences	809,566.92	61,786.81	871,353.73	5,462,146.00	62,119.47	6,308.11	939,781.3
Other Income for Appropriations:							
Deaconess Pensions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Enrolled Missionary Pension Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missionary and Deaconess Temporary Disability Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest Income Allocated from Endowments and Restricted Funds	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous and Gifts for Appropriations	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Student Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Total	$809,566.92	$61,786.81	$871,353.73	$5,462,146.00	$62,119.47	$6,308.11	$939,781.3

FIRST THREE MONTHS—1950-51

AND CHURCH EXTENSION—THE METHODIST CHURCH

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DIVISION OF TOTAL RECEIPTS

General Appropriations	Conference Work	Total on Appropriations 1950-51	Total on Appropriations 1949-50	Week of Prayer (Including W. S. G.)	Cash for Supply Work	Supplementary Gifts	Cultivation ¼ of 1c Per Member	Misc.	Total Receipts
$ 10,902.86		$ 10,902.86	$ 12,693.13		$ 2,448.40	$ 345.00	$ 32.46		$ 13,728.72
14,430.02		14,430.02	14,748.20	$ 69.23	1,983.73	638.58	28.40		17,149.96
7,471.35	$ 1,800.00	9,271.35	22,328.12		2,763.02				12,034.37
8,904.22		8,904.22	4,362.80		356.93				9,261.15
9,239.07	550.00	9,789.07	10,087.82		1,875.00		34.15		11,698.22
15,685.50		15,685.50	12,788.50		2,655.00		36.00		18,376.50
14,097.66		14,097.66	12,915.54		3,053.11	37.50			17,188.27
13,343.94		13,343.94	12,204.66	43.50	1,395.80		30.64		14,813.88
306.25		306.25	126.75		238.91				545.16
6,293.97		6,293.97	3,346.62	2.00	462.32	125.00			6,883.29
15,316.43		15,316.43	14,314.55	22.75	2,724.90				18,064.08
23,103.14		23,103.14	21,208.10		2,551.32		51.76		25,706.22
13,525.61		13,525.61	13,872.87	8.49	1,144.89	336.25	38.19		15,053.43
209,480.36	4,131.24	213,611.60	192,655.95	166.02	29,820.90	1,492.33	282.70		245,373.55
14,363.49		14,363.49	12,150.53	18.00	587.85	300.00	31.75		15,301.09
					15.50				15.50
21,154.37		21,154.37	16,850.75		4,286.26	210.00			25,650.63
15,318.50	500.00	15,818.50	14,815.23	99.54	724.14	10.00	61.52	$ 260.00	16,973.70
11,474.27		11,474.27	9,932.99		1,105.73	50.00			12,630.00
7,798.26		7,798.26	6,729.14		420.45	60.00	25.68		8,304.39
14,613.03		14,613.03	13,329.08		1,357.39	351.73	38.40		16,360.55
9,549.97		9,549.97	10,610.49		184.48		40.00		9,774.45
17,382.24		17,382.24	17,901.08	34.05	1,073.38	3,690.55			22,180.22
20,468.36		20,468.36	18,887.36		1,928.09				22,396.45
29,224.96		29,224.96	27,100.90		1,086.26	50.00	70.00		30,431.22
11,014.12		11,014.12	9,951.77	25.00	1,479.50				12,518.62
20,423.19		20,423.19	19,747.88	3.25	2,397.04	827.64			23,651.12
17,793.57		17,793.57	15,084.41	21.30	1,668.03	2,280.00	47.97		21,810.87
10,445.93	2,400.00	12,845.93	11,875.80		854.34	225.52			13,925.79
32,333.36		32,333.36	42,886.40	64.63	528.54	4,693.80	200.00		37,820.33
23,397.60		23,397.60	25,283.13	44.42	4,633.95				28,075.97
276,755.22	2,900.00	279,655.22	273,136.94	310.19	24,330.93	12,749.24	515.32	260.00	317,820.90
80.00		80.00				50.00			130.00
				13.50					13.50
9,991.62	400.00	10,391.62	6,272.88	19.96	761.76	61.50			11,234.84
1,968.50	1,149.99	3,118.49	3,083.06		193.28	53.00			3,364.77
90.71		90.71	540.09						90.71
1,467.33		1,467.33	882.69		66.00				1,533.33
13.55		13.55							13.55
61.62		61.62	26.33						61.62
1,334.64	375.00	1,709.64	2,250.00		79.47	25.00			1,814.11
4,203.63	250.00	4,453.63	3,762.45	10.60	578.15	375.00	26.40		5,443.78
6,833.41	450.00	7,283.41	3,616.27		285.29	511.23			8,079.93
22,405.61	7,449.99	29,855.60	33,232.42		4,400.39	6,104.20			40,360.19
1,237.53		1,237.53	867.76		210.00				1,447.53
49,688.15	10,074.98	59,763.13	54,533.95	44.06	6,574.34	7,179.93	26.40		73,587.86
874,409.28	65,372.03	939,781.31	919,170.42	1,096.02	91,484.60	33,059.25	1,291.39	505.00	1,067,217.57
12,223.07		12,223.07	12,330.58						12,223.07
121.25		121.25	218.21						121.25
120.00		120.00	250.00						120.00
8,131.28		8,131.28	8,116.28						8,131.28
1,105.75		1,105.75	1,126.95						1,105.75
1,817.23		1,817.23	1,913.50						1,817.23
23,518.58		23,518.58	23,955.52						
$897,927.86	$65,372.03	$963,299.89	$943,125.94	$1,096.02	$91,484.60	$33,059.25	$1,291.39	$505.00	$1,090,736.15

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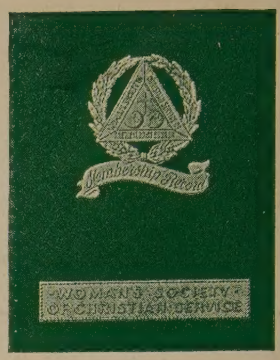

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